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Date- Printed	Topic	Quote	RPR Comments	
1952				
1/3/1952	Clubs/Orders	MASONS FETT WIVES "Members of the Rib Lake Masonic Lodge, 346, Free and Accepted Masons, met with their ladies for an annual holiday banquet at the Dodge Café last Saturday night. Those in the banquet committee were O.R. Thompson, Ed Prien and Charles Tippelt. ¶ An open installation of new officers for 1952 took place in the lodge hall following the banquet. New members are: Fred Bailey, Worshipful Master; O.R. Thompson, Senior Warden; Clarence Tippelt, Junior Warden; Art Scholz, Treasurer; Ed Prien, Secretary; Ernest Sunderlin, Senior Deacon; Ed Martin, Junior Deacon; Joseph Smith, Westboro, Senior Steward; James Holms, Junior Steward, and Fred Schwartzrock, Tyler."	The lodge hall was The Woodman building. It stood on the east side of McComb Ave., north of Hanke's gas station. In 2009, the site of Woodman Hall is a vacant lot.	
1/10/1952	Clubs/Orders	COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL CONTINUE; MEETS TONIGHT "The Rib Lake Commercial Club - revived and rejuvenated after a period of indecision because of apparent lack of interest - will hold its reorganization dinner meeting at the Dodge Café at 6:00 p.m. today. ¶ 22 businessmen appeared in the village hall in response to a call for a special meeting last Thursday afternoon, and it was their unanimous decision, after considerable discussion, that the club should be continued. ¶ Each of those present promised to either maintain their former membership or become a new member. Those present were assigned to confer with all business and professional men who were not present in an effort to line up their support. ¶ Among those present were Frannie P. Schaack [Rib Lake station, State Bank of Medford], Edgar Tellier [tavern owner], Henry Schlais [Schlais' Clothing Store], Louis Bednarik [New Lake Theatre], Clarence Tippelt [Lake Superior District Power Co.], Cliff Fitch [Gas station], Louis Menning [barber], Dick Upjohn [Druggist], John Freeck [Food Store], John Dolezalek [National Hotel and Bar], George Tlusty [soda water manufacturer and beer distributor], Arthur Kapitiz [Little	The comments within the brackets, [], were made by R.P. Rusch.	
1/10/1952 (cont)	Clubs/Orders (cont)	Bohemia Bar], Elmer Taylor [mortician], C.C. Lord [Village Clerk-Treasurer], Herman Batzer [Standard Oil], John Eckhoff [Telephone Co.], Harold Zielke [Zielke's Food Store], Carl Marschke [Wisconsin Wood Products], E.R. Clifford [Rib Lake Herald owner and publisher], Barney Cihasky [South Side Garage], Verl Bokath [Postmaster], Peter Bogumill [Bogumill Locker Plant]. ¶... The sentiment of the meeting seemed to be that the village has made some progress in coming out of the transition, which started when the lumber company ceased operations, and that now, of all times, is when a live, aggressive, cooperative Commercial Club should be functioning. The businessmen feel that if anything is to be done for themselves, it must be done by themselves."		
1/10/1952	Roads	STATE IS PLANNING NEW ROUTE FOR 102 INTO VILLAGE "Indications that the state eventually will relocate Highway 102 between Highway 13 and the village were seen Tuesday night when the village board granted a Quit Claim Deed to some of the property on the old lumber yard site near the Soo Line depot. ¶ The report is that the route generally will follow the old railroad right-of-way, although it will veer to the north near Wellington Lake where part of the old tracks went across trestles and filled in land. Some of the general route of the old railroad spur would eliminate the two dangerous Niggemann curves as well as several dangerous hills along the present route. ¶ It is understood that the road would come out at Highway 13 some distance south of the present junction at the Blue Royal tavern, at approximately the site where the old railroad crosses Highway 13..."	In 1951 the route of STH 102 on the western side of the village followed what is in 2008 known as State Road.	

1/10/1952	Clubs/Orders	ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA LODGE INSTALLS "New officers of the Hemlock Camp #704, Royal Neighbors of America, were installed at a meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Mathias. Mrs. Anna McRae was the installing officer. ¶ The officers are Sophie Curran, Oracle; Elizabeth Mathias, Vice Oracle; Pearl Martin, Recorder; Mrs. McRae, Receiver; Mrs. Mathias, Chancellor; Sarah Curran, Inter-Sentinel; Rose Melaski and Celia Becker, Managers; Cecilia Hahney, Flag Bearer; Mary Ungerer, Mrs. Melaski and Josie Bertagnoli, Graces. ¶ After the installation and business session the members enjoyed a belated Christmas party with an exchnage of gifts and games. Mrs. Mathias served a luncheon of chicken booya and crackers, cranberry and pineapple dessert, chiffon cake and coffee."		
1/24/1952	War - Soldiers	5 INDUCTED INTO ARMY "Several young men from this area were among those who went to Minneapolis on Monday either for induction into the armed services or for preinduction physical examinations. ¶ Among the 16 who were inducted were Foster Kalk and Gordon Nordgren, both of Route 1, Rib Lake; Milvern Dohm, Chelsea; John Peterson, Westboro and Alvin Neuman, Whittlesey. ¶ Among those going for physical examinations were Glendon (Sunny) Gerstberger, Charles Blair, Jr., and Edward E. Thums..."		
2/7/1952	Utilities	VILLAGE PRESIDENT HAS COMMENTS ON WATER "Various complaints about the condition of the village water led this week to the issuance of a statement by Leon W. Olsen, village president. ¶ Some consumers reported that a rusty like sediment is present in the water at all times, while others, in various parts of the village, report that the sediment shows up occasionally. ¶ The statement follows: ¶ "The village board is making every effort to correct the water situation. ¶ We have followed some suggestions made by the engineering firm which installed the system, but thus far they have been proved to be only partially successful. We feel that we have not had the cooperation from the engineering company that we should have had. ¶ In order to be certain that the situation will be cleared up, we have conducted the Permutit Company, which manufactured the filtering equipment, and they promised to send an engineer here soon, to ascertain, once and for all, where the trouble lies, and how it can be corrected. ¶ We expect this engineer to be here shortly and are determined to clear up the matter. In the meantime, we ask the residents of the village to bear with us." Signed Leon W. Olsen."		
2/7/1952	Obituary	STEPHAN A. KONZ, SR., VILLAGE PIONEER, BURIED TUESDAY. "Funeral services were held at Appleton on Tuesday for Stephan A. Konz, Sr., 79, one of Rib Lake's pioneer businessmen, who died at his home there on Feb. 1. ¶ Mr. Konz was born in Budapest, Hungary, on June 30, 1872, and came to Rib Lake with a number of other settlers from the east in 1897. They built a new community out of the forest four miles southeast of Rib Lake. He had a store, sawmill and post office there until 1908, when he moved it all to Rib Lake. ¶ The old store was the present Bogumill Store building, the sawmill later was purchased by Ole Peterson, and the Konz home on the lake later was owned by the Funk family, Mrs. Julie K. Singler, daughter, reported. ¶ Mr. Konz served as village president from 1908 until he moved to Appleton in 1917, where he operated a cheese box factory and a lumberyard. ¶ Surviving are the widow, four daughters, Mrs. Singler; Elizabeth J. Konz, Milwaukee; Mrs. H.P. Fisher, Appleton; Mrs. I.B. Franklin, Freeport, and three sons; Rudolph C. Konz, Appleton; Dr. Stephan Konz, Jr., Appleton; Cornelius J. Konz, Los Angeles..."	Note the comment regarding the construction of a new community 4 miles southeast of Rib Lake. The community included the Konz post office, located on the east side of CTH C in Section 18, Town 32 North, Range 3 East.	
2/21/1952	Spirit Lake & Environment	THREE PAY PENALTY IN FISHING CASES "Illegal removal of fish from spring holes on Spirit Lake led to fines for three residents of this area and a clamp down by Conservation Wardens on the custom of taking fish by hand or snagging them. ¶ Regis and Karl Niggemann each paid fines of \$10 and costs Saturday when they appeared before Justice John McQuillen at Medford and pled guilty to fishing other than by hook and line. They were arrested Friday night by Warden Herbert Carow. ¶ On Sunday Warden John Marcon arrested Leander Leonhard on a similar charge. ¶ Marcon said the fish, including crappies, perch, bass, bullheads, suckers and an occasional muskie, began appearing at the spring holes nearly two weeks ago. When the word was passed around, fish hungry citizens began to descend on the lake, mostly at night, to help themselves. ¶ For a time the wardens merely warned the offenders and did not confiscate the fish. When the warnings appeared not to be effective, the arrests followed.	Decaying vegetation in lakes covered by ice and snow robs the water of its oxygen. This forces the fish to seek out the "spring holes", ice-free areas of the lake where oxygen remains. Frequently massive die off of fish occur.	
2/21/1952 (cont)	Spirit Lake & Environment (cont)	¶ Marcon said that there appeared to be comparatively few dead fish which could be seen in the spring holes but he was somewhat apprehensive as to the condition of the fish under the ice in the lake in general. Fishery biologists were to have inspected the lake Tuesday to ascertain if wholesale removal or some other action might be feasible."		
2/21/1952	Businesses & Spirit	ADVERTISEMENT - "Free coffee and donuts. Served all day Saturday, Feb. 23 [1952] at the Spirit Store, now operated by Donaldson and Stromblom, Ogema, Wis."	This Spirit Store was located on the southeast corner of STH 102 and 86. It was a delightful place. Rumor has it that it was founded by the founder of Tomahawk, William Bradley, as part of his plan to establish satellite farming communities. The store operated into the 1980's. ¶ Gordon Donaldson and Fred Stromblom, Sr., and Jr., also once operated Larson Grocery Store in Ogema.	

3/20/1952	Agriculture	BEST CROWD YET ATTENDS RIB LAKE FARM INSTITUTE "A capacity crowd of more than 300 farmers and members of their families jammed into the high school assembly room and overflowed into the halls Tuesday for the annual Farmers Institute, sponsored by the County Extension office in cooperation with the Rib Lake Commercial Club. ¶ The farmers learned a lot about their own business from a battery of 5 experts from Madison, four of them on the staff of the College of Agriculture. ¶ Of unusual interest was a discussion of the new state law requiring all farmers who market milk to have milk houses by November 15 of this year. It was led by Carl H. Neitzke, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Engineering...Necessity of a balanced program of liming and fertilizing on the acid northern Wisconsin soils was outlined by Ed Englebrecht...Keith Zintz, Agricultural Instructor, introduced the speakers, and Joe Tuss, Acting County Agent, spoke briefly."		
3/27/1952	Businesses	TRUSTEES APPROVE HOTEL, TAVERN LICENSE TRANSFER "Transfer of the tavern license of John Dolezalek from the National Hotel to the vacant room on the south side of the New Lake Theatre building was approved by the village board. ¶ Although there seems to be some legal question as to whether the board could grant another license for the hotel property, the trustees indicated that they would not, even if they can legally. ¶ Dolezalek is losing the hotel property through a foreclosure procedure and it will revert to the former owner. President Leon Olsen told the board members that the former owner, Alphonse Mitchell, Berlin, had inquired as to whether he could get a tavern license and Olsen had told him he did not believe the number of taverns in the village could be raised. ¶ There are now 7 licensed establishments, and the state laws limit the number which can be granted to the number which were in effect in the community as of August 27, 1939. At that time there were 8 taverns in the village, including one operated by Art Swanson, in a building which formerly stood north of the Olsen Hardware Store..."		
4/10/1952	Law	FARMER WHO KILLED KIN SENT TO HOSPITAL "Adjudged insane after the slaying of his brother-in-law, William Miklautsch, 36, Route 1, was committed to the Central State Hospital at Waupun by Circuit Judge Louis J. Charles. Sheriff Harry Dietzman is expected to take the defendant to Waupun this morning, weather conditions permitting. ¶ The victim of the tragedy was Roy S. Payne, 55, husband of the former Martha Miklautsch. Payne, ironically, had come from Milwaukee to the Rib Lake community last fall to regain his health at "Trails End" cabin, their summer home about 6 miles northeast of the village. ¶ Judge Charles ruled that the commitment to the Waupun Hospital will stand until the defendant is cured. If and when a cure is effected, the court ordered, the defendant will be returned to Taylor County to face a first degree murder charge..."	The Miklautsch family operated the "Trails End" resort on their land, which, in 2009, is Wood Lake County Park.	
4/17/1952	Law	102 TAVERN HELD UP; LOOT IS \$110 "Two strange young men, who had been drinking beer quietly for an hour in the 102 Tavern, on Highway 102 southwest of the village, pointed a gun at bartender Joseph Vlach, 75, shortly before 1:00 a.m. and in a few minutes left the establishment with an estimated \$110, making a fast car get-away. ¶ By the time Vlach could get from the corner where he had been forced and reach the doorway, a car with Mike Roiger, Jr. and Gene Glenzer of the village was just pulling in for gas. He shouted at them to give chase toward Highway 13, which they did, but were unable to catch up with the hold up car..."		
4/24/1952	Rib Lake Herald	HERALD AWARDED FIRST HONORS FOR "SUNNY" COLUMN "The Rib Lake Herald again was recognized as one of the outstanding weekly newspapers in the state when it was awarded two honors at the annual convention of the Wisconsin Press Association. ¶ The column "Sunny Side of the Street," which is written by Mrs. Lillian P. Clifford, was adjudged to be the best locally written column in any Wisconsin weekly paper, regardless of the size. ¶ The Herald was given an honorable mention for general excellence among the smaller weeklies - those with less than 2000 circulation. There are some 230 papers in this classification and the Herald was one of only 5 which were granted recognition..."	These were well-earned honors.	
4/24/1952	Forest, School	SCHOOL FOREST IS LABORATORY "By Keith Zintz, Agriculture Instructor. The Rib Lake School Forest, located on the Westboro Shortcut, has been in existence for just three years. In this short time a large number of students have felt the thrill of planting trees and will have an opportunity to take pride in their development and growth as the years progress. ¶ Last year both boys and girls of the Rib Lake High School planted 5,500 trees during one afternoon. This brings the number of trees planted in the school forest to 7,500. ¶ This day devoted to planting trees is intended to be an annual affair, although the site of the planting may be shifted. The reason for such a change would be this: so far we have been unable to get a deed to the school forest land, as it is located on forest crop land and the state has spent considerable money in planting the trees on it. The students will still be able to use the area as a school forest laboratory. What better place is there for a student to study planting, pruning, disease control, identification of trees and the ever-threatening danger of fire and its control than in the forest itself.	The Rib Lake School Forest sits on spectacular glacial topography. It hosts beautiful non-motorized hiking, skiing and snowshoeing routes, including the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.	

4/24/1952 (cont)	Forest, School (cont)	¶ This spring the agricultural students will spend some time in the eradication of currants, gooseberries and other plants belonging to the ribes family, which act as host to Blister Rust. This disease has appeared in our white pine, and unless steps are taken to control it, immeasurable damage will be done. They will go through the school forest and destroy the crown and roots of all ribes in that area...We hope that as a result of this planting by the students of our high school, some day this part of Wisconsin will be covered again by acres of lofty pines, as many of you readers can remember."		
4/24/1952	History - 4/24/1952 & Fire	REMINISCENCES OF EARLY FOREST FIRES "By C.R. Clausen, Emergency Fire Warden ¶ My first trip into Rib Lake was in 1905. I came in with F.E. Poole, who at that time was driving teams for me on my construction crew in the Fox River Valley, for the Bell Telephone Company. ¶ We came to go deer hunting. The season then started the first of November and lasted for the whole month and we were allowed two deer to the license. There was no trouble in getting our quota. ¶ When we left [Rib Lake] to go to the Case homestead, who by the way, was Frank Poole's father-in-law, we went out past the Rib Lake Cemetery. From there on, the roads were narrow and the country kept getting more rooted as we drove to Seidel's corner. There we turned east to the Fawn Valley School. The clearings kept getting smaller and the buildings were mostly of logs, with an occasional small frame house. At the school we turned south for one mile. One small clearing was on the left side of the road. Turning east here, the road narrowed down and the timbered areas were larger, with a few small clearings. I think there were four in all, up to the creek east of the Schmidtfranz homestead. From there on to Zuthers was		
4/24/1952 (cont)	History - 4/24/1952 (cont)	nothing more or less than a fair tote road. From the creek formerly mentioned we cut off into the woods and going in a southeasterly direction over the Old Case Trail for about 3 miles, we arrived at the Case homestead, where we were to spend the month hunting and enjoying the big outdoors. ¶ We came up here each year thereafter, and each fall we could notice the clearings getting a little larger and the timber crowded back a little further. In those days this was accomplished with a strong back and brawny arms, fire, dynamite and a good husky team, if available. ¶ The brush was cut and left in windrows, seldom piled, and generally left where it fell to dry. When a real dry time came along and the wind was right, the torch was applied and it generally made a real clean sweep. The fire was generally left unattended and after the big flash the worker cleaning up the mess was in order. ¶ Every once in a while one of these fires would turn about and endanger farm buildings or a choice bit of time and then everyone turned out to subdue the beast, and for a while there was a little more caution used.		
4/24/1952 (cont)	History - 4/24/1952 (cont)	¶ At this time the town chairman had the supervision of fire fighting and the town generally bore the expense, but it was not long before it was obligatory to get a burning permit from the chairman and from then on the regulations were applied more frequently. ¶ It was like taming the Indians; the older generation could not, and some would not, accept this kind of treatment, feeling that they had a perfect right to do as they pleased on their own property, never giving a thought to consequences if the fire went raging on through the slashings. As the younger generation grew up and became more accustomed to more and more regulations, conditions began to improve, and as time went by and the results of regulations became more apparent, the job went along faster, until the day we are getting the results that we have looked for. Conditions will continue to get better at a much faster pace than before. ¶ Today there are thousands of cords of pulpwood marketed that never would have existed, also many thousand feet of log timber.	Note the use of fire to clear land. Many of these fires "got away" and burned across the countryside. ¶ At one time or another, nearly all Rib Lake high lands were burned. ¶ Clausen insightfully notes the changing attitudes toward fire.	
4/24/1952 (cont)	History - 4/24/1952 (cont)	¶ The early rangers and fire wardens bore the brunt of the battle when it started. It always meant an enemy and sometimes close to a fight. To this I can attest. ¶ I hope that a good course in conservation will be taught in all schools and colleges and be compulsory. If this is accomplished we will see in the coming generation the end of the wasteful ways, which, however, were just about necessary in the early days. ¶ The people of Taylor County can be commended on their interest shown in conservation, and with regard to forest fires, I am sure that we have passed the worst cycle, when every spring and fall the air was filled with smoke and cinders. Now when you travel through the country at any time, the fires you observe are well attended and under control, with but very few exceptions. ¶ As fire warden for about 30 years, I wish to thank everybody on behalf of the rangers, other wardens and myself for the interest and cooperation that is being put forth to further the conservation program."		
7/10/1952	Post Office	POST OFFICE WILL MOVE "The Rib Lake Post Office will be moved to the Becker building in the quarters formerly occupied by the Lake Superior District Power Company on August 1, Postmaster Verl Bokath announces. ¶ A Post Office inspector looked over several possible new locations on a visit here a number of weeks ago, and the authorization for the transfer from the Voemastek building, where it has been located for more than 10 years, was received on Monday. ¶ The present fixtures will be used when the shift is made, Bokath said, although application for new fixtures has been filed. ¶ Frank Becker, the owner, had repaired and modernized the north half of his building, before it was leased to the power company for the district office three years ago. The district office since has been transferred to Phillips so the large space was not needed."	In 2009, the Becker building is the Bird's Nest Tavern.	

7/10/1952	Businesses & Rusch	ADVERTISEMENT - "Snack or a banquet, try the Little Bohemia Café. Short orders - regular meals - Sunday dinners. Fried chicken, Saturday and Sunday regularly, by reservation during the week. ¶ At all times - French fries - barbeque sandwiches - steaks - shrimp - and lobster. Fine foods from friendly folks. Shirley Olson and Fritz Knop."	Alfred "Fritz" Knop served as a cook in the US Army during WWII. He loved to cook. The men of St. John's Lutheran Church of Rib Lake met at Fritz' basement to make the delicious, homemade sausage for the annual Lutheran Church potato pancake and sausage supper. The work was hard, but with a group it was lots of fun.	
7/17/1952	Obituary & Rusch	BOB RUSCH DIES "Funeral services were held at Mellen Tuesday afternoon for Robert Rusch, 59, a former Rib Lake resident, who died suddenly Saturday night at the home of a neighbor after a heart attack. ¶ Mr. Rusch was a brother of Mrs. Julius Gilge, Route 1, and Mrs. Anna Bleck, village. He and Mrs. Rusch had spent the winter in Florida and came back this spring, spending some time here while building a bathroom for Mrs. Bleck. ¶ A native of Fairchild, the son of the late Herman and Ida Rusch, he came to Rib Lake in about 1895 and followed his trade as a shoemaker here for a number of years. He moved to Mellen about 35 years ago. ¶ Surviving are the widow, several brothers and a sister and a son, Richard, Chicago. Those from here who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gilge, Sr., Alfred Knop, Mrs. Bleck and Viola and Robert Bleck."	Robert Ludwig Rusch was my uncle and namesake.	
7/24/1952	Railroads - Wis. Central	OLD DEPOT RAZED "An old boxcar, which was the first Soo Line depot in Rib Lake, was burned to the ground by the Volunteer Fire Dept. last Friday at the request of the Rev. Christian Staab of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. ¶ The building, which was along the track site west of the more recently used depot, was located still further west along the tracks when the railroad was completed, and was used as a depot for a number of years. ¶ When the new depot was erected, in was put into use as a coal shed. ¶ The Catholic congregation purchased the depot and nearby land and has sold the depot building to Clarence Schreiner, who will wreck it. The church wanted the old boxcar removed so that the area can be smoothed off and eventually put to use as a recreational area."	The "new" depot was sold to Clarence Schreiner, who moved it.	
7/24/1952	RLLC & Businesses	NEW INDUSTRY IS CONSIDERED FOR OLD MILL BUILDING "The possibility that the old lumber company "fire hole" building will be repaired and converted into a sawmill was outlined to the village board by Ralph Kemp, Chippewa Falls, who is wrecking the old mill. ¶ In seeking permission to remove dead heads from the lake, Kemp said he hoped to reroof the brick building and install a planer and saw there. He said he expects to make lath for the snow fence factory and will saw the logs salvaged from the lake, as well as do custom sawing. ¶ The board canceled a previous contract which it had entered into nearly a month ago with the E.L. Salvage Company of Wausau, which had asked permission to remove dead heads from the lake. Since the contract was signed, no further word has been received from the Wausau firm and no work has been done on the removal. ¶ Kemp has been removing some logs, assigning part of his wrecking crew to the task. The wrecking of the old mill is nearly complete and it is understood that the remaining debris will be burned, as a feature of the golden jubilee celebration this month..."	The "fire hole" building was the boiler house. Its thick walls were brick. Workers shoveled wood chips through a "hole" in the masonry to feed the fire beneath the boilers.	
7/24/1952	Obituary	JOHN MCRAE DIES "John McRae, 84, Rib Lake pioneer, died suddenly at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. He had gone to the hospital to visit Mrs. McRae, who had undergone a major operation there early Tuesday evening. His daughter, Hilda, Mrs. Eyvend Hagen of Milwaukee, had been visiting here and had taken her father to the hospital. Mr. McRae was an engineer at the old tannery before his marriage to Mrs. McRae on August 6, 1895. They had been in the bakery business on Main Street for 49 years. He served as village president for many years and had been active in business and civic affairs. ¶ Surviving are the widow, the daughter, Mrs. Hagen, and three sons, Milton, Superior; Vernon, Cleveland, Ohio; James, Minneapolis; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren."		
7/31/1952	Obituary	FINAL RITES FOR JOHN MCRAE, 84 "Funeral services were held last Saturday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for John McRae, pioneer resident of the community. ¶ The Rev. Edward Murphy conducted the service, and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Peter Bogumill, Joe Pertmer, Millard Kapitz, Fred Niggemann, Charles Scharer and Frannie P. Schaack. ¶ Mr. McRae was born July 23, 1868, in Lancaster, Ontario, and came here when he was a young man to work as an engineer at the old Shaw tannery. He was married to the former Nina Schanberger at Medford in 1896 and they started a boarding house, restaurant and bakery, which they had operated nearly 50 years before his death. He had also been an engineer at the lumber mill.	John McRae and family ran a restaurant in conjunction with the bakery. About 1903, he sold a meal ticket for \$3.50 - good for 21 meals. See Doc. #12560.	
7/31/1952 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ He was an early member of the Modern Woodmen of America and had served as clerk of the lodge here since 1912. Always active in civic and governmental affairs, he had been on the school board three terms and had served on the village board as president and trustee and on the cemetery board. He was one of the early chiefs of the volunteer fire department. He had been ill for several years and had not been very active during that time. However, he still baked bread, including old fashion rye, occasionally..."		

7/31/1952	Businesses	THIS ADVERTISEMENT INVITATION IS SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN RIB LAKE: "Bud's IGA Supermarket, John and Opie Freeck; Zielke's Store, groceries, meats, fruits and vegetables; Elg's Snack Shop, lunches, soda fountain; Becker's Tavern, Cecilia and Frank Becker; Upjohn Drug Store, Richard Upjohn; Rib Lake Sport Shop, Mr. and Mrs. John Haas; Cliff's Friendly Service, Mobil oil and gas; Bogumill Locker Plant, fresh and smoked meats; The Gambles Store, Ed Prien, owner; Johnnie's Bar, John and Phyl Dolezalek; New Lake Theatre; Little Bohemia Cafe, Shirley and Peanuts Olson; Little Bohemia Bar and Bowling, the Kapitz boys; The Coffee Cup, Joe and Evelyn Daniels; Walru's Bar, formerly the Uptown; Olsen Hardware, Leon W. Olsen; Tauber's Tavern, Frank Tauber; Art's D-X Service Station, Art Schultz; The Lakeside, Southwell Rosenfeldt; Rib Lake Roller Mills, Vic Kohn, proprietor; Schlais' Store, Henry Schlais; Menning's Barbershop, L.W. Menning; Joe's Standard Service, Joe Breuer; Gustafson Lumber Co, Carl Marschke; Heindl's Clover farm, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Heindl; Log Cabin Filling Station, Standard gas and oil; South Side Garage, Barney Cihasky; National Hotel and Bar, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Mitchell; Rib Lake Dairy,	This was a list of the merchants that contributed toward publishing a full page ad advertising the Rib Lake Golden Jubilee and Homecoming scheduled for August 8, 9 and 10, 1952. It is probably a complete list of the commercial establishments then operating in the village. ¶ One of the new merchants were Wally and Ruth Koltz, who ran the following thank you: "Thank you folks, for the splendid response to the grand opening of what was formerly known as the Uptown Bar, now known as Walru's Bar. Thanks to Mrs. Ernest Juse, who submitted the winning name chosen by	
7/31/1952 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	aged American Cheese; Smith's Welding Service, Herman Smith; Taylor Funeral Home, Elmer J. Taylor; State Bank of Medford, Rib Lake Station; The Rib Lake Herald, established 1897; Gorden Kellom Insurance of all kinds; Herman C. Batzer, Standard Oil Dealer; Tlusty Beverage and Bottling Company, beer distributor."	the judges of our new name contest."	
8/7/1952		GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION STARTS FRIDAY "Convinced of the old adage that "The first 50 years are the hardest", Rib Lake was to start its second half century Friday with a gigantic three day golden jubilee and homecoming. ¶ A varied program of entertainment, dotted with visiting with old friends and neighbors and complete with carnival, beer, old fashion costumes, a parade with dozens of floats, free motion pictures and store window displays of historical interest, a military plane salute, a snowball fight in August, dedicating of a memorial log - are just a few of the things which will be served up to our friends and neighbors and former residents. ¶ The celebration will mark the 50th anniversary of the chartering of the Volunteer Fire Department, as well as the incorporation of the village, and the fire dept. is taking the leading role in sponsoring the celebration..."	Part of the celebration was the dedication and installation of the memorial log. The log was erected between south Front and Pearl Street on the north side of rerouted STH 102. Its inscription included the claim that the RLLC had cut 1,450,000,000 board feet of lumber. Unfortunately, it was never explained how that figure was arrived at. Did that figure include, for example, the lumber cut between 1881 and 1902 when J.J. Kennedy and others were operating under business names other than the RLLC? ¶ The log was unprotected from the elements and eventually rotted away.	
8/14/1952		GOLDEN JUBILEE ATTRACTS HUGE CROWDS "Rib Lake enjoyed the greatest day of its history last Sunday when a crowd variously estimated at from 5,000-7,000 people jammed most of the available downtown space to witness an hour-long parade, in which approx. 75 units participated. ¶ The units ranged from single comic characters, through old fashion vehicles, bands, a drum corps, and floats of every description - literally dozens of them. ¶ The huge crowd stood during the hours' time with their mouths figuratively open - even members of the volunteer fire department, which sponsored the three-day golden jubilee and homecoming, had no inkling that the parade would be so complete or that the crowd viewing it would be so immense. ¶ Old timers agree that it was by far the largest crowd which had ever been in the village in one day - even back in the boom days of the lumber company, when the actual population was about 1 1/2 times what it is now and there was an additional floating lumberjack population of several hundred more..."	There follows a well-written description of the floats and parade.	
8/28/1952	Agriculture & Businesses	NIGGEMANN DAIRY SOLD "Sale of the Niggemann Dairy to the Lakeview Dairy of Phillips was announced this week by Joe and Karl Niggemann, who have operated the business from their farm southwest of the village since 1935. ¶ The Phillips firm has bought the business only and will continue both wholesale and retail operations, including home delivery in the village. They will expand the present line of dairy products. ¶ The Niggemann brothers also plan to sell their farm and personal property, probably at auction. Neither has made any decision as to his future activity as yet."		
9/11/1952	Politics	SATCH LOSES ASSEMBLY RACE "Millard (Satch) Kapitz of Rib Lake lost his campaign for the Republican nomination for Taylor County assemblyman in Tuesday's election by 79 votes. ¶ The winner was Fred Rust, Route 1, Medford, who is active in farm circles. He pulled 1845 votes, Kapitz received 1766. ¶ Kapitz was elected State Assemblyman in the fall of 1950, defeating the Democratic candidate, Luther Hamrick, easily. Early in the primary, he had unseated Nels Andersen, incumbent, who was a candidate for renomination and Walter Mitchell..."		
9/18/1952	People & Rusch	GILGE-RODER "Miss Bernice V. Gilge, daughter of Julius Gilge, Route 1, became the bride of Conrad D. Roder, Jr., son of Conrad Roder, Sr., Route 1, at a ceremony in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church last Saturday afternoon. ¶ The Rev. C.J. Kionka officiated and Mrs. Ted Schwoch, Jr. sang the Lord's Prayer, accompanied on the organ by A.H. Ross. ¶ The groom was graduated from the Rib Lake High School in 1949 and the bride last spring. They will make their home on a farm southwest of the village. A supper was served and tables decorated with pink and white crepe paper at the Little Bohemia Cafe for 35 guests after the ceremony..."	This happily-married couple have made their home for more than a half century southwest of St. Ann's church.	

10/2/1952	Church - Methodist	BISHOP NORTHCOTT WILL BE SPEAKER HERE ON SUNDAY "Bishop H. Clifford Northcott of Madison of the Wisconsin Area of the Methodist Church, will preach next Sunday at the 60th anniversary celebration of the Rib Lake Methodist Church and in the afternoon at the dedication of a new social hall at the Spirit Community Methodist Church. ¶ The exact date at which services were held in Rib Lake has been determined. Built in 1892, under the leadership of the Rev. H.P. Waldron, the present sanctuary was constructed. This was the first church building in the village and was used for a time by the Lutheran congregation before its church was built. ¶ During the year that the Rev. H. Stewart was pastor, Sept. 1904 to Sept. 1905, the present parsonage was built, replacing a much smaller structure. The social hall was built in the summer of 1950. ¶ The earliest records of the Spirit Community Methodist Church go back to 1888 when baptisms were recorded during August, the pastor being the Rev. P.A. Johnson. Services were held regularly from then on as part of the work of the Stevens Point circuit of the Northwest Conference of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church.	Note that the Methodist Church was [and is] the oldest church building in the Village. Several Kennedys were members.	
10/2/1952 (cont)	Church - Methodist (cont)	In June of 1893 the people in the Town of Brannan (now Spirit) organized a separate congregation under the leadership of District Superintendent C.O. Freeman, and Pastor "Old" Johnson, as he was affectionately called, to distinguish him from other pastors with the same last name..."		
10/9/1952	Law & Agriculture	THIEVES REMOVE STANCHIONS FROM BEN KOFLER BARN "Thieves who apparently knew their way around the premises committed a daring burglary at the old Ben Kofler farm east of the village sometime Monday night, Louis Kofler reported to the sheriff's office Tuesday. ¶ The loot included 8 stanchions taken from the barn, 27 sacks of oats from the grainery and a quantity of small tools, including the hay carrier and rope..."		
10/16/1952	Obituary	CHARLES SEIDEL IS TAKEN SUDDENLY BY A HEART ATTACK "Charles Seidel, 86, one of the pioneers of the community, died suddenly early Monday morning at the home of his son, Anton, where he had made his home for the past 12 years. ¶ Funeral services were to be held this Thursday morning at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. ¶ Mr. Seidel was born in Germany on May 11, 1866, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seidel, and came to the United States with his parents when he was a boy of about 16. The family moved here in 1884 and operated the old Seidel farm across the lake from the village. Mr. Seidel was married on May 14, 1895 to Miss Anna Schneider. She preceded him in death about 10 years ago. ¶ In addition to farming, Mr. Seidel conducted extensive logging operations in the early days and bought and sold many pieces of property in this area. ¶ He was active in the Catholic church and church organization and seemingly was in good health up to the time of the heart attack.	The Seidel "homestead" was in the southwest corner of Timber Drive & Holden Rd.	
10/16/1952 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ A son, Leo, preceded him in death, and there are 27 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Three sisters also survive. They are Millie, Mrs. Frank Webholz of St. Paul; Martha, Mrs. Peter Washata, Park Falls; and Lena, Mrs. Lena Terch of Virginia, Minnesota. ¶ Surviving sons are Anton, George, Carl and Leonhard, all of Rib Lake; Ben, Westboro; John, Capron, Illinois; and Ray, a sergeant in the Air Force..."		
10/16/1952		PETITION AGAINST PINE ISLAND SALE "A petition opposing the proposed sale by the village of Pine Island in Rib Lake to some private individual was received by the village board Tuesday. ¶ The petition, containing some 35-40 signatures, pointed out that any money the village might receive of the island on the sale or through taxes later would not compensate for the loss of the island as a scenic and recreation site..."	As of 1/1/2009 Pine Island remains municipal public property. It is, in essence, a monument to local environmental values that this valuable piece of real estate has been kept public - even though the village government has often been starved for cash.	
11/13/1952		ARMISTICE DAY MARKED "Armistice Day was celebrated in the village Tuesday with a brief but impressive ceremony on the bank square. ¶ When the village siren sounded at 11:00 a.m. colors of the American Legion Post, the Legion Auxiliary Chapter and the Catholic War Veterans Post had been transported to the square from the Legion Hall. ¶ A salute to the dead was given by Gordon Kellom and Carl Nikel, who composed the firing squad. Taps was sounded by Raymond Thums. Commander Pete Bogumill of the Legion Post had charge. Color bearers were Millard Kapitz and Leon Olsen for the Legion, Florian Turba and Stanley Szaflarski for the Catholic Veterans, and Mrs. Edwin Thums and Mrs. Henry Mathias for the Auxiliary."	The shooting in World War I was to stop at 11:00 a.m. Nov. 11, 1918, according to the "Armistice" agreement.	
11/20/1952	Clubs/Orders & War - Soldiers	CATHOLIC VETS INSTALLED "St. John's Post 423, Catholic War Veterans, had formal installation of officers on Saturday evening at St. John the Baptist Church. ¶ The State Commander, Henry Woyach, Milwaukee, officiated, and pointed that the CWV is rapidly taking its place among the National Veterans Organization and due to the mainly worthy operations that it performs has gained many new members in the past year. ¶ He further stated, that due to the hatred of the Communists for the Catholic faith, it was natural for the Catholic war vets to expose and defeat communism wherever possible. To that end the local post, as well as state and national groups, have been dedicated, he said. ¶ Any Catholic war veteran in Taylor County is welcome to become a member of the Catholic War Vets and may get further information by calling or writing the local commander.		

11/20/1952 (cont)	Clubs/Orders & War - Soldiers (cont)	¶ Officers installed were Commander Gordon Kellom; First Vice President, Frank Yanko; Second Vice Commander, Stanley Hebda; Third Vice Commander, Charles Nelson; Adjutant, Joseph E. Pertmer; Treasurer, Florian Turba; Historian, John Quednow; Welfare Officer, Peter Bogumill; Officer of the Day, Stanley Szaflarski; Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Staub and Trustees, Floyd Kittelson, Bernard Dums and Harry Olson. ¶ Lunch was served by the Auxiliary after the business session. Wives of the members were guests at the ceremonies."		
11/20/1952	Businesses	VILLAGE GETS NEW FACTORY "Another factory for Rib Lake became a certainty on Wednesday when the St. Croix Corporation of Unity concluded a lease with the owners of the old tile factory building. ¶ The lease was approved by the directors of the Absorbatone Firm, owners of the building, where acoustical tile board formerly was manufactured. The lease runs three years and includes an option to buy at any time. ¶ The action was taken by the building owners Wednesday after another industrial firm from Dorchester had sought to acquire the location and move here to expand its operations. This firm's proposal was rejected Tuesday night because the St. Croix firm had prior negotiations for the building. ¶ The St. Croix Corporation, which operates the snow fence factory in the old lumberyard machine shop, as well as a bamboo fishing pole factory, and other woodworking operations in Unity and Colby, plans to manufacture glass rods in its new operations here, according to Robert Johnson, an officer of the firm. ¶ Johnson informed the Herald by telephone that a representative of the firm will be at the village hall between 1-6 p.m. tomorrow to take the names of both men and women who wish to	It has been a couple of years since the Herald published any news regarding the Absorbatone firm. ¶ The old Absorbatone tile factory was the former tannery powerhouse; in 2008 the building still stands north of Fayette Ave. and south of tannery pond. ¶ The 1/29/1953 edition of the Herald announced: "Factory set for Rib Lake moves to Loyal instead: the glass fishing rod factory, which had been scheduled to come to Rib Lake, has opened instead at Loyal..."	
11/20/1952 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	apply for work. ¶ Johnson said the company expects to employ 150 when it is at peak operation during the 10 months of the year and that a force of about 50 will be retained during the "off months" of July and August each summer. He said the firm had negotiated for locations in several other cities, but preferred Rib Lake for several reasons. ¶ The physical location itself - almost on the shore of a good fishing lake and in the center of a large fishing territory, will be helpful in publicity and promotion for the new factory, and will be the only glass rod factory in a fishing and recreational area in the country...Officers of the Absorbatone firm, all of whom were investors, do not stand to make any profit or even get their investments out of the new setup, it was learned. However, since their investments have been lying idle for a number of years, they came to the conclusion that it would be better individually, and for the village, to get the property established as a profit-making, tax-paying industry that would provide needed employment, and benefit the community in general."		
12/11/1952	Law	ZONDLO BROTHERS PAY LARGE FINES "Fines and costs totaling \$324.86 were assessed against George and Frank Zondlo last Thursday when they appeared in county court at Medford and pleaded guilty to four charges involving the presence of minors in their liquor tavern on November 15. ¶ County Judge E.J. Neuenschwanger asserted at the hearing that he believed the law provided for the forfeiture of their liquor license, inasmuch as it was the second offense during the current license year. ¶ District Attorney Ray Scott reported this week, however, that a recent attorney general's ruling indicated that the license does not have to be forfeited. The automatic forfeiture provision of the law applies only in specific cases involving facts which were not involved in the Zondlo case, he said. ¶ The four minors involved paid fines in justice court here last week."	Founded about 1930, Zondlo's Tavern is still going strong in 2009. Today its owners are Scott & Renee Zondlo. ¶ Zondlo's is where I learned my Polish, including "Nas Stovia Ponla, Gotla Moya." To your health - down my throat. It's an earthy, old Polish toast.	
12/18/1952	Obituary	FRANK EDLUND, SPIRIT FARMER, DIES AT HOME "Frank E. Edlund, 65, Town of Spirit farmer, widely known as a violin player for community affairs, died at his home early last Saturday after an illness of about 2 years. He was popularly called "Frank the Fiddler" in the community. ¶ A native of Ogema, where he was born Dec. 23, 1886, Mr. Edlund moved to the Town of Spirit about 37 years ago. He was married to Miss Lillian Sunwall at Phillips on July 1, 1920. ¶ Funeral services were held from the Spirit Community Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Marsh of Eau Claire, a nephew of the deceased, officiating. Burial was in the Spirit Hillcrest Cemetery. Surviving are the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Henry Schilling and Miss Lorraine Edlund, both of Chicago; two sons, Richard and Aidan at home; two brothers, Charles, Milwaukee and Robert, Muskegan, Illinois; and three sisters, Alma, who lives in the home; Mrs. Annie Johnson, Duluth; and Mrs. Emily Jacobs, Detroit."		
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1/22/1953	Fire	FIRE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL AFTER THREAT TO SCHLAIS STORE "Fire of origin not determined definitely caused extensive damage at the Schlais Clothing Store in the village Tuesday afternoon. ¶ The flames were brought under control by the village Volunteer Fire Department in less than an hour, with only a small amount of stock being damaged by fire. ¶ The fire was confined to the one story rear end of the building where it started and practically the entire stock was carried out by volunteers. ¶ Chief Ed Martin was unable to give any estimate as to the total damage, pending the arrival of the insurance adjuster, who was expected late Wednesday. ¶ The flames which apparently started in or near a small storeroom at the rear of the store and adjacent to the south wall were discovered shortly after 2:00 p.m. by Mrs. Myron Hanson, a part-time clerk who was taking care of the store during the absence of Mrs. Schlais, who had gone to Marshfield to visit her husband, Henry, who underwent an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital on Monday.	A photograph of the Janda store filled with merchandise from the Schlais fire was printed in the Jan. 29 edition of the Herald. The Janda store was, c. 2000-2008, the Deaton antique store; it was razed in the fall of 2008. ¶ Today Schlais' store building includes the Husson Dental office, 827 McComb Ave.	
1/22/1953 (cont)	Fire (cont)	¶ The vacant Janda building across the street was opened and a steady stream of volunteers started to carry the stock across. Much of the stock from the shelves and racks was dumped into the building and the volunteers also carried a number of display stands across and placed them temporarily on the sidewalk. ¶ When the Janda building was fairly well filled, some additional stock was placed temporarily in the Menning Barbershop next door..."		
1/29/1953	Railroads - Wis. Central	SOO LINE ALLOWED TO CANCEL TRAINS "A fight of small communities along the Soo Line west of Stevens Point to the Minnesota state line to keep two day trains in operation was lost this week when the State Public Service Commission granted the railroad's petition to abandon the service. ¶ The service on trains #1 and 2 will be discontinued on Feb. 15. One train runs each way. ¶ The state body, in granting the petition, upheld the railroad's contention that it is losing about \$120,000 a year from the operation, as an average of only 10 passengers ride the trains daily. Public need for the daytime service is outweighed by the loss to the railroad, the Public Service Commission said. ¶ The night passenger trains which will continue in operation, must stop at each of the 26 stations along the route, according to the state body's ruling."	NB - only an average of 10 passengers rode the trains daily. Fortunately, the trains also carried US mail - which generated income.	
2/12/1953	Obituary & Spirit	ALVIN JOHNSON, 96, DIES "The Town of Spirit lost its oldest citizen when Alvin Johnson, 96, retired farmer, passed away after a long illness. Funeral services were held in the Spirit Community Methodist Church with the Rev. D.K. Marks officiating. Burial was in the Spirit Hillcrest Cemetery. Sons were pallbearers. ¶ A native of Sweden, Mr. Johnson was born August 5, 1856, and came to the United States when he was in his 20s. He lived in Merrill before coming to Spirit to farm 96 years ago. ¶ He was married to Miss Hilma Olson on April 9, 1887 at Spirit. She preceded him in death. He had been active in community life, serving on both the town board and school board, but had been in failing health for the past four years. ¶ Surviving are 6 sons, Arthur, Walter, Alton, Harold and Elmer, Spirit; and Oscar, Chicago; 7 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren."		
2/12/1953	Businesses	RESTAURANT BUILDING SOLD ¶ Sale of the old Dr. Lapham building, recently operated as Cinders Café and Elg's Snack Shop, was completed this week between Leon Olsen, owner, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rinehart of Anoka, Minnesota. ¶ The Rinehart's have purchased the entire building, giving them living quarters upstairs, and with the intention of reopening the Main [McComb Ave.] Street cafe business. Their young son, Ernest, Jr. and their daughter, Gladys, a high school junior, will assist them."	In 2009, the Dr Lapham building still stands at 745 McComb Ave. It is owned, as of 2/12/2009, by Paul Strebeg.	
2/26/1953	Obituary	ARNT HERREM DIES "Funeral services for Arnt Herrem, 87, retired merchant tailor, were held Saturday afternoon at the Taylor Funeral Home. ¶ The Rev. Douglas K. Marks of the Methodist Church officiated and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Mr. Herrem died last Thursday at his home. He was born in Norway on June 29, 1895, and came to the United States when he was a young man, locating in Rib Lake about 60 years ago. At that time he started a tailor shop in partnership with Orville Forseth. He established his own business about 50 years ago and retired about 10 years ago. ¶ He was married to Molly Lonke in the Methodist Church here January 4, 1896. ¶ Surviving are the widow, two daughters, Inga, Mrs. Ed Wollert, King, Wisconsin; and Hilda, Mrs. Toby Henrichson, Iron River, Michigan, and one son, John, Milwaukee; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild."	For many years Herrem ran a Rib Lake clothing store.	
2/26/1953	Businesses & RLLC	WAREHOUSE NOW IN USE "A crew employed by the Rib Lake Cheese Co. has completed repairs to the old lumber company dry kiln building, which has been leased from John Olson, and will be used as a cheese box storage warehouse. The renovation included installation of new doors."	As of July 19, 2008, the old dry kiln building still stands on the east side of McComb Ave. The building has been renovated several times. The dry kiln building, together with the old machinery shop of the RLLC, now Fisher Creek Pet Foods, are the two authentic mill structures still standing as of 2008.	

3/12/1953	Obituary	MRS. ELMER TIMM DIES "Services were held at the Taylor Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Elmer Timm, 62, member of a pioneer Rib Lake family who died Saturday at her home in Appleton, where she had lived since last August. ¶ The Rev. Douglas K. Marks of the Methodist Church officiated and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Paul Kaske, Herman Batzer, Edward Eckhoff, James Downs, Otto Krueger and Carl Ziemke. ¶ The former Hermina Gerstberger was born here April 2, 1890, the daughter of Edward and Ernestine Enders Gerstberger. She was married to Mr. Timm at Medford on August 19, 1914. ¶ They lived here until last fall, when Mrs. Timm's failing health led to their moving to Appleton to live with a daughter, Florence. Survivors include the husband, the daughter, a brother, Ernest Gerstberger, Route 1, and two sisters, Mrs. Charles Krueger of Rib Lake and Mrs. Ferdinand Frank, Route 1."		
3/12/1953	Politics	CLERK-TREASURER WILL BE CHOSEN BY POPULAR VOTE "Citizens of the village decided Tuesday that they want to elect their clerk-treasurer rather than have him appointed by the board. ¶ By a vote of 120-83, they approved the referendum question providing for the election of the officer. ¶ C.C. Lord, who has served as clerk-treasurer by appointment since the fall of 1950, told members of the board Tuesday night that he would not be a candidate for election to the office. His two-year appointment expires on April 30 of this year..."		
3/12/1953	Spirit Lake & Obituary	CHARLES SCHAUS BURIED "Charles A. Schauss, 71, proprietor of a tavern and restaurant at Spirit Lake, and a resident of this community for the past 35 years, died suddenly early Friday morning of heart disease. ¶ He apparently had been in good health, having attended the theatre in the village on Friday night but had complained of some pains in this chest recently. ¶ Services were held at the Taylor Funeral Home with the Rev. D.K. Marks officiating. Burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were August Kasten, Robert Andrea, Kleber Andrews, Frank Haas, Adolph Walbeck and William Waldhart. ¶ Mr. Schauss was born in Milwaukee on Dec. 10, 1881, and was married to Exxie Empey at Dorchester November 24, 1909. They came to this community in 1918 and for a time he operated the old Spirit Lake Tavern and Hotel..."	The Spirit Lake Tavern & Hotel stood in the southeast corner of Little Spirit Lake. The property in 2008 is the public boat landing.	
3/19/1953	Germania & Spirit	SPIRIT ROUNDUP - GERMAN SETTLEMENT "Mrs. Henry Rhody spent Monday afternoon with Grandma Meyer. ¶ Susan Ellen Carol Rhody, daughter of the Ed Rhodys, was baptized in the Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday. Her sponsors were Marilyn and Ronnie Meier."	I recently had the opportunity to talk to Eric Rhody about the spelling of his last name. I remarked that I did not think it was a genuine German spelling. He agreed and told me the following: Many years ago the school in the German Settlement area obtained a teacher without a German background. She took it upon herself to point out to the Rode children that their name should be Americanized to Rhody. The children told their parents and the new spelling stuck.	
4/9/1953	Politics	MRS. JUSE NAMED CLERK; OLSEN IS AGAIN PRESIDENT "Leon W. Olsen was reelected president, Mrs. Elsa Juse was elected clerk-treasurer and Raymond Becker was elected a new trustee in the village election Tuesday. These were the only contests in the off-year election, which drew 311 voters out to the polls. ¶ Olsen easily defeated Bernard Cihasky, 218-85. Mrs. Juse pulled 191 to 66 for Eugene R. Clifford, and 46 for C.C. Lord, incumbent, whose name was written in..."		
4/9/1953	Politics & Greenwood	HENRY GEBAUER ELECTED "Henry Gebauer was elected chairman in the Town of Greenwood in a three way race in which he received 121 votes, Frank Matyka 61 and William Tilch, incumbent, a write-in candidate, 57. ¶ Art Freiboth with 133 votes was elected to take Gebauer's place as supervisor and Robert Hauch was reelected supervisor with 160 votes. The unsuccessful candidates were Tom Metz, 47 votes, and Andrew Mann, Jr. 106. ¶ Officers reelected without opposition were Henry Fuchs, clerk, Henry Klemm, treasurer; Joe Dums, Jr., assessor; Henry Fuchs and Henry Klemm, Justices of the Peace; Martin Steen, Jr. and Charles McCluskey, Constables..."	Henry had a long and distinguished career in town and county elected positions. In the 1970's, he served as Taylor County Board Chairman.	
4/9/1953	Politics & Rib Lake - Town	"All Town of Rib Lake officials were reelected without opposition. The vote was Fred Vlach, chairman, 122; Fred Radtke, supervisor, 109; Andrew Zondlo, supervisor, 118; Lavern Zuege, clerk, 119; Florian Turba, treasurer, 119; Ernest Budimilija, assessor, 112; and Fred Linzner, Constable, 98..."		
4/23/1953	Politics	"Reelection of Millard (Satch) Kapitz of Rib Lake as chairman for the 6th consecutive time, marked the opening of the annual spring meeting of the county board of supervisors at Medford Tuesday. The vote was unanimous."		

5/14/1953	People & Rusch	KNOP-DULAK "In a wedding at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Wausau, at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, Miss Patricia Anna Knop, daughter of Mrs. Arthur Knop, became the bride of Bruce Frank Dulak, Milwaukee. The Rev. Lyle Koenig officiated. Bridal music was by Wilmer Gresens, soloist, and Mr. Wilbrecht, organist. ¶ The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, Alfred Knop, Rib Lake, chose a white waltz length gown of satin, fashioned with tiers of lace and nylon and a lace bodice. Her fingertip veil fell from a tiara headress, and she carried a bouquet of white daisies. She wore a locket given to her by her father on her 6th birthday and a souvenir boutonniere from her grandparents silver wedding anniversary celebration. ¶ Miss Janet Knop, sister of the bride, attended her. She wore a waltz length frock of yellow nylon net over tafetta, fashioned with a strapless lace bodice and shoulder fichu. She wore a matching tiara of yellow and carried yellow daisies. ¶ The groom's best man was Everett Rusch, Milwaukee, and ushers were Gerald Rusch, Milwaukee, and Berton Flagel, Wausau.	The four Rusch brothers, Everett Arthur, Gerald Allen, Thomas Michael, and Yours Truly, attended this beautiful wedding.	
5/14/1953 (cont)	People & Rusch (cont)	¶ For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Knop chose an apricot silk afternoon gown and wore white accessories and green tinted gardenias. ¶ Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride for 100 guests, Mrs. Weldon Zilisch and Miss Patricia Taylor presiding at the refreshment table. ¶ Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Lawler, Seattle, Washington; Chief and Mrs. D.M. Jacobs, Memphis, Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dulak, Miss Donna Dulak, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rusch, Mrs. Ray Scribbens, Jim Scribbens, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kurth, all of Milwaukee; Mrs. Ervin Leitermann and Mr. and Mrs. C. Dean Simonis, Mosinee, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vogt and daughter, Janice, Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Al Krueger and Mrs. Ray Herman, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Al Knop and daughter, Phyllis, Junction City; Mrs. Cress Berton and son..."		
5/23/1953	Agriculture	CUCUMBER GROWERS! [Ad reads] "The Green Bay Food Company has appointed Christ Winkel as station manager for the Rib Lake area. Pick up your contract in the SR6 Spot-Resistant seed from Mrs. Henry Mathias at the Central Hotel where the receiving station will be located this season. GREEN BAY FOOD COMPANY."	The c. 1913 Rib Lake depot grounds map shows a cucumber pickling station on the SW corner of S. Front Street & Fayette Ave. - Lot 7, Block G, McComb's Racing Park Addition. The structure was 32 x 52'. See Doc. #12593.	
5/28/1953	Schools & People	DOWN THE ROAD "John Stelling, faithful custodian of Rib Lake schools, who chalked up a silver anniversary record of his duties and added one year for luck, has retired at the close of this term at the Ward School. ¶ Mr. Stelling, who served for 14 years at the high school and 12 years at the Ward School, first undertook school care in 1921 when J.C. Mills was principal. Since then, 8 other principals have given him an approving nod - W.W. Wagner, Douglas McBride, Branton, Ingli, Cupery, Zielanis, C.W. Spangler and Robert Becker. ¶ And the school care was an undertaking in those days. The hungry furnace of the old high school gulped a diet of 4 foot slabwood. Many a Wisconsin winter night did its conscientious "keeper" go to the school at 2:00 a.m. to feed it. There was no system for draining the pipes, and 9:00 a.m., his regular reporting hour, was dangerously far away. The new high school building, built in 1927, supplied him with a coal shovel, which must have seemed light as a feather, his last 7 years there.	What a fascinating history of changes in heating: slab wood, coal and stoker. In 2009, Rib Lake Schools are heated by natural gas and wood chips.	
5/28/1953 (cont)	Schools & People (cont)	¶ Night "doings" at the high school made "janitoring" practically an around-the-clock job, and a transfer to the Ward School among the little fry who don't have much night life, must have lightened his load. Incidentally, the Ward School actually blossomed with a stoker before he closed his books and "graduated" to retirement. ¶ Mr. Stelling's four children, Esther Frombach, Erwin, Harvey and Herbert, were all students at the high school while he was there. He refused to recall whether or not they littered up with more or less candy wrappers than the rest of the kids. Likewise, he would make no comparative comment on his grandson, Johnnie Stelling, whom he had the pleasure of seeing in the Ward School first grade his retiring year. ¶ At the spry age of 73, John Stelling says frankly that his main reason for retiring is that his eyesight is bothering him. ¶ Few persons can rest tired eyes upon so beautiful a revery of children."		
5/28/1953	Schools	NORMAL SCHOOL ENDS "Several former Rib Lake High School students and some others from this area are among the 31 who will be graduated by the Taylor County Normal School at the commencement exercises in Medford High School gymnasium Friday night. ¶ Michael L. Kline of Middleton will deliver the commencement address on "The Present Hour." The Rev. D.K. Marks will give the invocation and benediction, and among the speakers will be Miss Marilyn Meier of Spirit, who will discuss "Another Step Forward." ¶ Among the graduates, in addition to Miss Meier, are Delores Andreae, Spirit; Caryl Schwoch, Route 1, Rib Lake; Ida Scott, Chelsea; and two former Rib Lake High School athletes, Roger Nyberg and Douglas Kring, both of the Spirit area."		
6/4/1953	Physicians	CAMPAIGN FOR DOCTOR IN VILLAGE GETS UNDERWAY "Definite steps towards getting a physican into the village were being taken this week as a result of a mass meeting in the high school Tuesday evening, attended by nearly 100 persons. ¶ Those present approved formation of a committee whose sole function will be to arrange means whereby a doctor will start practice here, presumably not later than fall..."	During the era of the RLLC, the village always had a doctor - frequently more than one. In 1953, Rib Lakers were forced to go to Medford or elsewhere for a doctor.	

6/11/1953	RLLC	RIB LAKE STILL IS PRODUCING A TREASURE OF SUNKEN TIMBERS "Rib Lake, thought to have several million feet of valuable lumber stored on its bottom when mill operations ceased 5 years ago, is yielding up its timber treasure, slowly but surely. ¶ At least a half dozen outfits have started pulling deadheads - the logs which sank to the bottom over the 50 or more years that the lumbering operations were carried on along the lakeshore - during the past 5 years. ¶ Most of them, especially those who expect to get rich quick, pulled a few logs and then pulled up stakes. ¶ But this summer, for the first time, there are two outfits working steadily, and as a result two or three truckloads of timber are hauled away to the sawmill at Ogema about every day. They estimate at least 70,000 feet have gone to the mill since early spring. ¶ Ralph Kemp, Chippewa Falls, who completed the wrecking of the old mill, started operations in the lake last summer, and for a while was converting the logs into lumber by means of his own portable sawmill outfit.	Logs under water do not rot. Some tree species - such as pine - will float for years. Thousands of hardwood logs sank in Rib Lake before they could be pulled into the RLLC mill and sawed.	
6/11/1953 (cont)	RLLC (cont)	¶ He returned again this summer with the Glenzers, father Anton, and sons Bud and Kenny are working for him on a percentage basis. They have a skow, grappling hooks, which they drag on the bottom of the lake, until the hooks grab a log, and other equipment necessary to handle the retrieved timber. Most of what they recover, they say, is as good as it was the day it was sawed..."		
8/27/1953	Utilities	R.E.A. LINE EXTENDED "Three homes on the Harper Lake Road are due to have electrical service soon, as a result of the extension of the rural electric authority line south from Seidel's cottage on Harper Lake to as far as the Earl and Fred Lehman cottages. ¶ The Earl Lehman cottage, the R.P. Monroe summer home and the Frank Tehako farm home will be the three properties to receive this service. ¶ The 30-foot brushing for the distance of about a mile has been completed for the property owners involved, and the poles have been set in place. Wiring at the Earl Lehman home is being completed on Tuesday and it was anticipated that service would be inaugurated within a few days. ¶ Lake Superior District Power Company service on the Harper Lake Road extends only as far north from the village as the George Thums farm."		
9/24/1953	People	VILLAGE JOB TO THUMS "Employment of George Thums, Jr., as assistant maintenance man for the village, at a salary of \$240 a month, was approved by the village board. ¶ Thums, now working at Medford, appeared before the board and agreed to accept the job. He will start work Thursday of this week to assist Wes Stiel and learn to operate the filtration plant in event of an emergency..."	Subsequently, George also agreed to be the village police chief, a job that he held for many, many years.	
9/24/1953	Environment	7 RESERVOIRS WILL CONSERVE WATERS - VALLEY IMPROVEMENT COMPANY PLANS MORE DAMS "Preliminary plans for the construction of 7 new reservoirs on streams emptying into the Wisconsin River from the west, including one on the Spirit River, another on the New Wood River, and one on the Rib River, have been announced by the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company. ¶ Other dams, under the eventual plan, will create reservoirs on the Somo River, Copper River and Little Eau Pleine River. ¶ The dam to be erected above the present Spirit River flowage is expected to flood 3,770 acres and will impound some 1,560,000 cubic feet. ¶ M.W. Kyler, vice president and general manager of the improvement company, said that actual sites for the dams have not been selected, but that it is hoped to start work on at least one by next spring. The entire program probably will take 8-10 years to complete and will cost about 8 million dollars. ¶ The Somo and Upper Spirit Reservoirs combined will generate an additional 28,400,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity annually..."	These proposals proved to be highly controversial. I do not believe that a single one of the proposed dams was in fact constructed. The already constructed dams remain in full use to this date.	
9/24/1953 (cont)	Environment (cont)	¶ The soil on the west side of the Wisconsin River is of loam and underlaid with granite. This makes for rapid runoff. So far this year, three times the amount of water that could be stored in the Spirit River has had to be wasted because of inadequate storage. The water will be contained and put to work under the new plan. The problem of rapid runoff does not have to be contended with on the east side of the Wisconsin River because the soil is sandy with slow-runoffs and deep underground reservoirs which hold the water. Kyler said that the proposed plan is the ultimate in conservation of water on the river. It will harness effectively the nation's "hardest working river." At the present time, the company has 21 reservoirs in Lincoln, Taylor, Price, Oneida and Marathon Counties. Water from these goes through the major portions of 26 hydroplants and papermills..."		
10/1/1953	People & Spirit Lake	DOCTOR MAUCH STRICKEN "Dr. Ray Mauch was taken to the Medford hospital Monday morning in the Taylor ambulance after he sustained a stroke while working in his dental office at his home near Spirit Lake. He was reported to be still unconscious early Wednesday afternoon when he was moved to St. Joseph's Hospital at Marshfield in the Taylor ambulance. His condition was reported to be critical."	The Taylor ambulance was owned by Elmer Taylor, the mortician. The ambulance served as a hearse.	

10/8/1953	Obituary	DR. RAY MAUCH BURIED AFTER DEATH IN HOSPITAL "Village's dentist fails to rally following sudden stroke. ¶ A requiem high mass was held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 9:00 a.m. Monday, for Dr. Raymond G. Mauch, Rib Lake's dentist for the last 20 years, who died Thursday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. ¶ Dr. Mauch, 55, had sustained a stroke the previous Monday. ¶ The Rev. Christian C. Staab officiated at the services and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Martin Vanucha, Emil Krushat, Fred Mielke, Clarence Andrae, Al Hintz and Curtis Patrick. ¶ Dr. Mauch was stricken first while mixing feed for his mink at the home on Highway 102 south of Spirit Lake. Mrs. Mauch helped him to the lounge and then went to call their son Raymond....¶ Surviving are the widow, the son and a sister, Sister M. Fernando O.S.F., Milwaukee; and three brothers, Norbert, McHenry, Illinois; Jay, Mendota, Illinois; and Roman, Van Nuys, California.	The office and home was in the southwest corner of what is in 2008 Rustic Road 1 and STH 102. His home was the former Spirit Lake grade school. In 2009, it is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Priniski, N9057 STH 102.	
10/8/1953 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Dr. Mauch attended the schools here and following his graduation from high school, enlisted in the army in April 1917. He served overseas and was gassed and in a haute alsace sector until January 11, 1914. ¶ Following his discharge he entered Marquette University School of Dentistry and graduated in 1923. He then came back to Rib Lake where he had a practice since...He had been rearing mink as a sideline and a hobby for about 3 years, at the Spirit Hill home, where he also maintained his dental office..."		
10/15/1953	Schools	HIGH SCHOOL KNOLL IS LEVELED FOR TENNIS "Removal of the knoll south of the high school was completed last week and the leveled area will be the site of a tennis court to be constructed with the cooperation of the 20th Century Club. ¶ The work of bulldozing and leveling of the area was done by William Bowersock, Stevens Point, excavating and grading contractor. Principal Raymond C. Becker explained that the 20th Century Club set aside funds for a tennis court several years ago. The area excavated was chosen as a site for the new combined garage and agricultural shop. Hence it was necessary to find a new location for the court, and the school board thought that leveling the knoll would be the best solution. ¶ Some of the extra dirt was shoveled into the lower section of the flats, to the west, where previous work has been done on filling to provide for a baseball diamond. Even a football field on the same location is not beyond possibility, Becker said. ¶ In the meantime, suggestions have been for the formation of a local committee to go ahead, in cooperation with the school board, on the completion of the flats area as a recreational field."	In 2008 the principal baseball field in the village is located on "the flats" just to the west of the former high school. It is a well maintained, popular baseball diamond. The last several years have provided a special treat. A pair of osprey have successfully raised their young in a nest built on one of the tall light poles at the ball diamond. The ospreys built a large nest of sticks, making quite a sight.	
10/15/1953	Obituary & Spirit	SPIRIT PIONEER DEAD "Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Spirit Community Methodist Church for Charles Nystrom, 85, early Spirit settler, farmer and blacksmith, who died last Friday at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Tomahawk. ¶ The Rev. Douglas Marks officiated and burial was in the Spirit Hillcrest Cemetery. ¶ Mr. Nystrom was born in Sweden and came to the United States in 1880. He lived in Chicago for a year, settling in the Town of Spirit in 1881. ¶ He established the blacksmith shop on Highway 86 near the Highway 102 intersection and also operated a large farm there. In later years he made his home with his nephew, Henry Larson. ¶ He was married to Miss Louise Doney in 1915. She died in 1930. Survivors are two step-children, Mrs. Ruth Kastonia and Ralph Doney, both of Neenah..."		
10/22/1953	Fire	FOREST FIRE NEAR TOWN CONTROLLED "A forest fire, which apparently was set by a careless bird hunter on Monday afternoon, was brought under control after an area of approximately 7 acres had been burned. ¶ The fire was directly west of the Edward Hauch farm, which is located west of Kennedy Lake, more commonly called Muddy Rib. ¶ In the meantime, the continued dry weather has made the woods so dangerous that John Borkenhagen, District State Forest Ranger at Park Falls, has issued an order that no more burning permits will be issued until the fire danger is eased, either through rain or snow fall..."	This area has 3 Rib Lakes: Big Rib Lake lies inside the village; at 301 plus acres, it is Taylor County's largest natural lake. Little Rib Lake and Muddy Rib Lake lay just west of the village. Muddy Rib Lake is also known as Kennedy Lake.	
11/5/1953	People & Agriculture	JOE ROIGER, 50, IS ELECTROCUTED AS POWER WIRE FALLS "Funeral services were held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Saturday morning for Joseph Roiger, 50, Town of Rib Lake, farmer, who was killed early Thursday morning in a freack accident near his farm home southeast of the Fawn Valley School. ¶ Sheriff Harry Dietzman said death came instantly when Roiger touched a wire fence, which was in contact with a broken high voltage electric power line..."		
11/19/1953	Obituary & Spirit	WALTER J. MARHEINE, 80, SPIRIT PIONEER, IS BURIED SATURDAY "Funeral services were held in the Spirit Community Methodist Church last Saturday afternoon for Walter J. Marheine, 80, retired farmer and long-time resident of the Spirit area, who died Wednesday at the home of a daughter in Madison. The Rev. Douglas K. Marks officiated, and burial was in the Spirit Hillcrest Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers were 6 nephews, Richard Marheine, Richard Kring, John Crowley, Clarence Nyberg, Roy Meier and Loyal Marheine. ¶ Mr. Marheine was born in Oshkosh in 1873 and came to the Spirit country with his family when he was 6 years old. They homesteaded the farm now occupied by his son, Reinholdt, and family, about a mile east of 102 on 86. ¶ He was married to Miss Clara Rhody, also of an early Spirit family, in 1899. Always active in community affairs, Mr. Marheine had served as town chairman and on the Price County Board for a number of terms and also has served on the local school board.	I surmise that Marheine Creek was named after this pioneer or his family.	

11/19/1953 (cont)	Obituary & Spirit (cont)	¶ Surviving are the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Arnold Peterson, Madison; Mrs. August Meyer, Milwaukee; and four sons, Walter of Hardwood, Michigan; Fred, Cleveland; Reinholdt, Spirit; Max, Rockford, Illinois; a sister, Mrs. Emma Meier, Spirit; and a brother, Richard, Ogema; 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren..."		
11/19/1953	Hunting	DEER SEASON POSTPONED "Postponement of the Wisconsin deer hunting season for one week, from Saturday, Nov. 21, to Saturday, Nov. 28, was announced Wednesday morning by Gov. Walter J. Kohler. ¶ The dangerous conditions of the woods, from a fire standpoint, to the long dry period, was given by the governor as reason for the postponement..."		
11/26/1953	Obituary	MRS. MARY UPJOHN, EARLY RESIDENT, SUCCUMBS SUDDENLY "Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church for Mrs. James Upjohn, 73, a longtime resident of the community and widely known for club activities. ¶ She had complained of a minor illness and planned to go to Marshfield with her son Richard, to consult a physician. ¶ The Rev. Douglas K. Marks officiated at her service, and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers included Leon W. Olsen, O.R. Thompson, Ed Prien, Fred Bailey, C.C. Lord and Fred Curran. ¶ The former Mary Gay was born in Blooming Grove on Oct. 8, 1880. She was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1908 and then taught in rural school at Tomah and at Rib Lake before she was married to James Upjohn, the Rib Lake druggist, at Blooming Grove on July 9, 1914. ¶ She was active in the various societies of the Methodist congregation, in the Eastern Star Order of Medford, the 20th Century Club and was a member of the village library board at the time of her death. Through her long connection with the 20th Century Club, she became widely known among club women in the 10th District.	The long-time Upjohn Pharmacy building is, in 2009, the Ultimate Illusion, 713 McComb Ave.	
11/26/1953 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Surviving are a daughter, Elizabeth, of Chicago; two sons, Richard, Rib Lake and Frank (Gay), Belview, Washington...¶ Mr. Upjohn preceded her in death on June 7, 1946."		
11/26/1953	Businesses	C.C. LORD, BOOKKEEPING AND TAX SERVICE [Advertisement] "Systems for - beauticians, barbershops, service stations, garages, taverns, retail stores, farmers, resorts and other income property. ¶ All systems approved by U.S. Federal and State Income tax records. Stop in my office and look them over before setting up your records for 1954. Opposite drug store, Rib Lake, Wis."	Local bookkeeper and accountant, C.C. Lord, after leaving the job as treasurer-clerk for the Village of Rib Lake, established an accounting and bookkeeping service on McComb. It occupied a site which, in 2008, is part of the Hanke Gas Station.	
12/3/1953	Utilities & Rib Lake - Village	STATE SAYS VILLAGE NEEDS SEWER PLANT ""The Village of Rib Lake has a public sewer but no treatment plant. Domestic sewage is discharged without treatment to the stream. It is essential in order to eliminate health hazards and stream pollution that the community provide a treatment works." ¶ The above paragraph was quoted from an official survey the board sent to the State Sanitary Engineer at Madison concerning the pollution of the Wisconsin River and its tributaries, which will be the subject of a public hearing at Merrill next week. ¶ The Village of Rib Lake has been informed by state officials in the past that it eventually will have to construct a sewage disposal plant."	In 1953 sewage from the Village of Rib Lake was piped - untreated - directly into Rib Lake and/or Sheep Ranch Creek.	
12/17/1953	Clubs/Orders & People	MRS. MCRAE IS HONORED "Mrs. Nina McRae was presented with a 50-year anniversary pin Tuesday night when the Royal Neighbors Lodge held its annual Christmas party at the Phillip Pelkhofer home. ¶ Mrs. McRae was a charter member of Hemlock Camp, #704, when it was founded on Feb. 19, 1903. The anniversary pin came from the head camp of the lodge at Rockford, Illinois. The presentation was made by Mrs. Pearl Martin, recorder, on behalf of the head camp. ¶ A potluck supper was served, and a brief business session was followed by an exchange of gifts and bingo. Coffee and cake was served later in the evening."		
12/17/1953	Environment (cont)	TWIN LAKE IS REPLANTED "North Twin Lake, which lies west and south of the Mondeaux Flowage, has been stocked with some 5,000 trout, after it was cleared of all game fish in the summer, Warden John Marcon reports. Several plants were made prior to the hunting season and the final shipment of 1500 legal size brook trout were placed in the lake last week, Marcon said."	The Rib Lake area is fortunate to have a number of lakes cold and clean enough to support trout. Wellington is one.	
12/24/1953	Fire & Rusch	TWO FIREMEN RETIRE "Two veteran members of the Rib Lake Volunteer Fire Department were placed on the inactive list and two new members were appointed when the department met last week. ¶ Those retiring were Fred Curran, who was one of the organizers of the department in 1903 and had been an active member since, and Claude Shelley, who had been on the department since 1921. ¶ The new members accepted were Elwood Bleck and Charlie Carlson, Chief Ed Martin reported."	The need for a fire department was one of the reasons for incorporating the village in 1902.	
12/31/1953	Obituary & Spirit	LILLIAN BLOMBERG DIES AT HOSPITAL "Mrs. Lillian Blomberg, a longtime resident of the Town of Hill, and widely known in the Hill-Spirit community, died Monday evening at St. Joseph's Hospital, after an illness of about 5 days. ¶ She had been taken to the hospital on Dec. 23, when she sustained a cerebral hemorrhage. ¶ Funeral services were to be held this afternoon (Thursday) at the Baptist Church in Ogema, with the Rev. Robert Drown officiating. Burial was to be in the Town of Hill Cemetery. ¶ The former Lillian Risberg was born in Ogema on June 6, 1896, and the family lived in the Town of Hill since 1918. Her husband, George Blomberg, was fatally injured on June 23, 1945, when a tractor turned over on him while working on the farm. Mrs. Blomberg was a member of the Ogema Baptist Church and active in its Ladies Aid Society.	Proud of his Swedish ancestry, Lyle Blomberg, - in 2009 - maintains a sign along the Timm's Hill National Trail at the Taylor-Price County line. The sign proclaims: "Entering Swede Country."	

12/31/1953 (cont)	Obituary & Spirit (cont)	¶ Surviving are three daughters, Betty, Mrs. Floyd Nelson, Ogema; Grace, Mrs. Harold Rhody, Spirit; and Edythe, at home, a student in the Rib Lake High School; 10 sons, Alan and John, Town of Hill; Edwin, Redington, Nebraska; Ivar, LaPorte, Minnesota; and Roy, in the Air Force at Travis Field, California; and Wilbert, Palmer, Lyle, Lawrence and George, all at home; two brothers, Nels Risberg, Prentice; and Leonard Risberg, Phillips; a sister, Mrs. Roy Meier, Spirit; and 17 grandchildren."		
12/31/1953	Agriculture & Obituary	HENRY NIGGEMANN, PIONEER RESIDENT, IS BURIED MONDAY "Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. Monday from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for Henry Niggemann, 77, member of a pioneer family of the community. ¶ Mr. Niggemann had been taken to the hospital about a week before his death, when he sustained a stroke. ¶ The Rev. Bernard Niggemann of Glenwood City, a son, conducted the service, assisted by M.S.G.R. Alphonse Kress, Superior, a nephew, and the Rev. Christian J. Staab. ¶ Burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery in the Town of Greenwood. The pallbearers were Norbert and Clarence Schreiner, Joseph A. Kauer, Oliver Lamberty, George Zondlo and Frank Zondlo, all fellow members of the Catholic Order of Foresters. ¶ Mr. Niggemann was born in Botchem, Germany, on July 13, 1876, the son of Joseph and Mary Wiemers Niggemann and came to this country with his family at the age of 5 years. The family lived in Pittsburgh and moved to Rib Lake three years later to homestead the property which it still occupies south and west of the village. They grubbed out a farm from swamps and woods, without the benefit of the modern farm machinery of today.	The Niggemann farm was a showplace operation, stretching across the northern half of Section 32, Town 33 North, Range 2 East from STH 102 north to Black Lake. Following Henry's death, the farm was operated for many years by Regis and Donaldean Niggemann.	
12/31/1953 (cont)	Agriculture & Obituary (cont)	¶ He also was a logger in his younger days, having cleared most of the timber land from the homestead west to Highway 13 and approximately a mile to the north. ¶ Mr. Niggemann was married to Mrs. Mary Behrendt at the Catholic Church in the Town of Greenwood on June 3, 1902. He was a longtime member of the Catholic Church in the village and active in the Holy Name Society and local lodge of the Catholic Order of Foresters, of which he was a charter member. He sang in the Greenwood Catholic Church choir for 18 years before he became a member of the Rib Lake parish. ¶ Surviving are the widow, two daughters, Valeria, Mrs. Robert Marek, Milwaukee; and Agatha, Mrs. Lawrence Zirngible, Eau Claire; 8 sons, Henry, Arthur, Leonard and Anthony, all of Milwaukee; Fr. Bernard, Glenwood City; George, Chelsea; Regis, who operates the home farm; and William, Rib Lake; two brothers, Fred, Rib Lake; and Joseph, Milwaukee; a sister, Mrs. Joseph Kress, Medford; and 38 grandchildren."		
12/31/1953	Businesses	SHOE FACTORY DEAL SET "Way for construction of the addition of the Gem Products Shoe Factory was cleared Tuesday night, when stockholders of the Lakeland Shoes, Inc., owners of the present building, voted unanimously to grant immediate title to the property to the village of Rib Lake, which now is buying it on a land contract. ¶ The village, in turn, will grant title to the shoe factory firm. It will erect the new addition, at its own expense, then return title to the village, which will, in effect, pay for the new construction over a long period of time by refunding each year's personal property tax to the shoe factory. ¶ Stockholders of Lakeland will receive the village's promissory note as their security for the approximately \$21,000 due them. The amount will be repaid at the rate of \$2,000 a year, plus 1% interest. ¶ That the Lakeland stockholders, who retain their shares, will receive considerably more than the 50% they agreed to accept several years ago, was revealed at the meeting. Clifford Curran, secretary, estimated that in 10 years, when the entire amount has been collected from the village, the shares with a face value of \$10, will be worth \$7.86.	The shoe factory made its last shoes in Rib Lake about 1985. In 2008, the large and well built former shoe factory stands vacant in the northeast corner of Fayette and North Front Street. The complicated deal described in this article was intended to guarantee continued employment in Rib Lake; it was successful; over the years, hundreds of people worked at the shoe factory.	
12/31/1953 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ They may be worth even more, for the stockholders authorized the officers to buy back any shares which are offered now, for \$4, within the limits of available finances. Thus, if quite a few shares are turned in before the 10-year period ends, those remaining will be worth even more than Curran's estimate. Meanwhile, any excess money in the treasury will be invested in the Medford Savings and Loan Association, where it will draw interest. ¶ The corporation made a similar offer to buy back shares three years ago, but at that time offered only \$2.50, and estimated that at the end of the contract period, the \$10 shares probably would be worth no more than the \$5 settlement price. ¶ All officers and directors were reelected. They are O.R. Thompson, president; Elmer J. Taylor, vice president; Curran, secretary; Frannie P. Schaack, treasurer; and Ed Prien, Leon Olsen and William Radtke."		
12/31/1953	Agriculture & Fawn Valley	BARN RAZED, COWS KILLED BY FLAMES "Two cows and about 10 chickens were destroyed Tuesday morning by a fire which razed a small shed barn and threatened other structures on the Ernest Ziemke farm, about a half mile south of the Fawn Valley school house. ¶ The Rib Lake Volunteer Fire Department truck arrived too late to save the building or its contents, but was able to keep the flames from spreading to a building housing hay, straw and a garage, only 12 feet away from the building which was destroyed. ¶ Fire Chief Ed Martin said the Department members were at the scene for about an hour until all danger to the other buildings had passed. The first alarm was sounded at about 11:00 a.m. and the second alarm was sounded about 20 minutes later. The village truck, with tank loads of water, responded to the second call. ¶ Martin said he was informed that two other cows which had been in the barn, got out safely. ¶ The chief reported that the blaze was ignited accidentally by two boys of the neighborhood who were playing with matches in the building."	The Ziemke farm stood on Peché Ave.	

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2/11/1954	Businesses	NEW OWNER TAKES ST. CROIX FACTORY "Sale of the Rib Lake property of the St. Croix Corporation to A.V. Nystrom of Chicago, was announced late last week. ¶ Mr. Nystrom took over the property, which includes the snow fence factory, (formerly the lumber company's machine shop), the snow fence making equipment there, equipment to make fishing pole and landing net handles in operation at the old tile factory, and the St. Croix inventory, including raw materials and a truck. ¶ Mr. Nystrom said that most of the operation of the new firm, called the Rib Lake Products Company, will be at the old tile factory building, which he has leased from Absorbatone, Inc., the corporation which manufactured acoustical tile there for some time. ¶ He expects to continue to manufacture handles for the St. Croix Corporation, which has factories in Unity, Colby and Loyal, and will manufacture other wood products for which he can find a sale. Snow fence still will be manufactured in the old machine shop building, probably on a seasonal basis, he said."	The building leased from Absorbatone was the former powerhouse of the Rib Lake tannery north of Fayette Ave. ¶ The old RLLC machine shop, in 2009, is the Fisher Creek Pet Foods building, 670 McComb Ave.
2/25/1954	Law	JOHN MARCON LEAVES "John Marcon, State Conservation Warden assigned to Taylor County with headquarters at Medford for the past 12 years, has been transferred to Rice Lake, effective immediately. ¶ The transfer was made at Marcon's request, who said he wanted to be near the district headquarters at Spooner in order to keep up with any developments in the Department's proposed expanded educational program. In addition, the new territory will be more or less "back home," as Warden Marcon is a native of Birchwood. Marcon's successor here will be Warden Kenneth Coyle."	John Marcon was widely known in the Rib Lake area. After his retirement, he wrote a book called "Brush Cop," which covers many of his Rib Lake experiences; the names have been changed to protect the real participants in his arrests.
4/15/1954	Utilities & Law	ORDINANCE REQUIRES WATER, SEWER, TAPS IN ALL VILLAGE HOMES "Outdoor toilets will be outlawed in all homes, and the village must be hooked up to the water and sewer system by October 1 of this year under provisions of an ordinance approved unanimously by the village board Tuesday night. ¶ The only exceptions will be those homes which are not located adjacent to water and sewer mains..."	The days of the privy were numbered.
4/15/1954	Obituary	LOUIS KUTZKE DIES "Louis Kutzke, 90, resident of the Rib Lake community for more than 60 years, died Tuesday morning at his home. ¶ Funeral services were to be held this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he was a member, with the Rev. C.J. Kionika officiating. Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ He was born in Germany on March 4, 1864, and came to this country in 1891, settling in Rib Lake in 1894. The family farm, now occupied by his son, Norman, is on Highway 102 just east of the town hall corner. He was married in 1888. His wife, Bertha, died in 1938. ¶ He was active in community affairs, having served the Town of Rib Lake in several capacities. He was elected sideboard supervisor of the town just 40 years ago this spring. ¶ Surviving are the son, Norman, a half brother, William Tetzlaff; a half sister, Mrs. August Mielke of Marshfield, and 6 grandchildren."	As of 2009, the Kutzke farm, in the northeast corner of STH 102 and CTH C, remains in the Kutzke family.
4/29/1954	Rib Lake - Village & Environment	TREE BEE A SUCCESS "Rib Lake men did themselves and the community proud last Saturday, when approximately 40 of them joined in an all-day work bee to transport hundreds of evergreen trees in a village wide beautification program. ¶ At least 30 mature evergreens were dug out from along the sides of the Westboro shortcut road near the school forest and along Highway 13 near the George Washington Memorial Forest and given a new home within the village. ¶ This started two years ago, along Main Street [McComb Ave] south of the new Highway 102 intersection, rows completed clear down to the National Hotel corner [Railroad Street, McComb and Second Ave]. Clumps of trees were set in at the sites of the new waysides along the highway, which will be established shortly. ¶ One beautiful tree, probably the largest of them all, was transported on the lawn in front of the water filtration plant. Soon others were arranged in symmetrical rows in the old lumber company property adjacent to the new highway.	The former water filtration plant still stands in 2009 at 808 Kennedy Street. About 1990, the village switched its water source from Little Rib Lake to well water. The plant was remodeled into a private residence.
4/29/1954 (cont)	Rib Lake - Village & Environment (cont)	¶ A double row of smaller transplants, which had been set out on old lumber company property opposite the memorial log, were transferred to the north side of the new highway, roughly from Main Street [McComb Ave] to tannery creek, at the site which was leveled off recently. ¶ Chairman Keith Zintz of the Commercial Club's Committee reported that high winds over the weekend left many of the trees at weird angles. He plans to right them and use wire and stakes to hold them upright."	
4/29/1954	Obituary	SERVICES SET FOR ANTON WUDI, 80, PIONEER FARMER "Anton Wudi, Sr., 80, pioneer resident of the Town of Greenwood, died Tuesday noon at his farm home southwest of the village after an illness of almost a year. ¶ Funeral services will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m. from the Taylor Funeral Home and at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in the Town of Greenwood. Burial will be at the church cemetery. The Rev. Francis Weiner will officiate. ¶ Mr. Wudi was born in Germany on March 13, 1874, and came to this country with his parents, who settled in Greenwood when he was about 7 years old. He was an early member of St. Ann's Church. He was married there to Miss Barbara Hoffman on Feb. 8, 1899. She passed away last May. ¶ Surviving are 7 daughters, Anna, Mrs. James Peterson, Chelsea; Mrs. Kate Karl, Tomahawk; Elizabeth, Mrs. Otto Faber, Milwaukee; Mary, Mrs. Patrick McBride, Manteno, Illinois; Angeline, Mrs. Joe Williams, Indianapolis, Indiana; Barbara, Mrs. Joe Krumbeck, Milwaukee; and Cecilia, Mrs. Clarence Martin, Blue Island, Illinois; three sons, James Wudi, Milwaukee; and Anton, Jr., and Bernard, both of the Town of Greenwood..."	

5/6/1954	Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	PETER FYALKOWSKI HEADS FISH & GAME "Peter Fyalkowski was elected president of the Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. at a meeting held Monday night in the 102 Tavern. He succeeds Henry Rosenfeldt. ¶ Other officers named were Rosenfeldt, vice president; Randolph Wagner, secretary; and Don Mayer, treasurer. ¶ Fyalkowski, who also is chairman of the club's summer fishing contest, announced that the first of a series of monthly prizes for the largest fish caught in Rib Lake, the Harper Lakes, and Spirit Lakes and Stone Lake will be awarded at the next meeting, June 7, at the Harper Lake Resort. ¶ Interest in the contest and the fact that many women fish regularly, led the club to extend an invitation to the ladies to join and hence be eligible for the monthly contest prizes. A proposal that the scope of the contest be enlarged to include Wellington Lake was rejected, because there is no resort there where the contest entries may be weighed in..."	Named when the state trunk highway passed in front of it, the 102 Tavern site is in the southwest corner of Hohl Drive and State Road.	
5/13/1954	Obituary	UNCLE JOE VLACH, 77, STRICKEN SUDDENLY "Joseph H. Vlach, 77, retired farmer and carpenter, died early Tuesday morning in his room at his nephew's 102 Tavern, where he had made his home for several years. ¶ He had been in ill health for some time. ¶ Funeral services will be held at the Taylor Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Douglas K. Marks officiating. Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ A native of Bohemia, the son of James and Catherine Jary Vlach, he came to this community about 60 years ago. He operated a farm about 3 miles east of the Rib Lake Town Hall for many years, and was a carpenter, having built many barns and houses in the community. He also built boats and filed saws as a pastime in recent years and tended bar for his nephew, Adolph Vlach.		
5/13/1954 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Surviving are his 6 daughters, Agnes, Mrs. Richard Johnson; Leona, Mrs. Robert Franz, Rib Lake; Florence, Mrs. Alex Messell, Chehalis, Washington; Hazel, Mrs. Arthur Meier, Bellington, Washington; Dorothy, Mrs. Adolph Wille, Chelsea; and Marcella, Mrs. Herbert Schultz, Bellingham, Washington; 6 sons, Rudolph and Charles, Milwaukee; Raymond, Chicago; Roy, Napaville, Washington; Victor, Medford; and Hubert, Hustisford; a brother, James, Rib Lake; and 44 grandchildren."		
5/20/1954	Schools	STATE RULES IN SPIRIT, HILL, SCHOOLS FIGHT - PORTIONS OF TOWNS GIVEN TO RIB LAKE "The long-awaited break in the Spirit and Hill School situation came this week, when George Watson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, issued orders annexing portions of both of the townships to the Rib Lake School District. ¶ The orders become effective at the end of the current school fiscal year, June 30. ¶ They were issued on the appeals filed last September by residents of the two Price County townships on the action of the municipal boards of the Prentice School District, in denying their requests to be detached from that district and attached to the Rib Lake and Westboro districts, respectively. ¶ No order on the Westboro-Hill situation had been received as of Wednesday. It was reported that the order will be issued shortly, but there was some indecision on the part of the state as to how much of the Town of Hill will be granted to Westboro and how much retained in the Prentice district. ¶ The order covering the Town of Spirit annexes approximately the southern half of the township to the Rib Lake district and leaves the remainder in the Prentice district. The area attached to Rib Lake is	Nota bene: there were 3 school districts affected; Westboro, Rib Lake and Prentice. The Westboro school district went out of existence in the 1970's.	
5/20/1954 (cont)	Schools (cont)	bounded by the township lines on the east and west and extends from the Price-Taylor County line north to a line parallel with and one and one half miles south of State Highway 86. ¶ The appeal had asked that the entire district be detached from the Prentice district and attached to Rib Lake. ¶ The order covering Hill annexes to the Rib Lake district the five southeastern sections in the township. ¶ ...Although there still undoubtedly will be some dissatisfaction in Spirit with the new compromised boundary lines, the orders received, at least for the time being, apparently end a period of nearly four years, during which citizens of Hill and Spirit have opposed being included in the southern Price County district and have made many ineffectual efforts to get out. ¶ They have always claimed that the facilities of Prentice were not equal to those of Westboro and Rib Lake, that they are closer to the Taylor County schools than to Prentice, that they have sent their children to school here for many years and that bringing the Prentice system up to where it should be would work a financial burden on the taxpayers of the area..."		
6/17/1954	Utilities	VILLAGE TOLD TO PLAN FOR SEWER PLANT "The Village of Rib Lake and the Rib Lake Cheese Company have been ordered by the state to install adequate joint or separate sewage and industrial waste treatment facilities not later than Dec. 31, 1956, to prevent further pollution of the Rib River. ¶ The village and the company are included among the 14 communities and 30 industries named in a blanket order covering the Upper Wisconsin River and tributaries issued last Saturday by the State Board of Health and the State Committee on Water Pollution..."		

6/17/1954	Obituary	WALT AHLERS, 48, IS BURIED MONDAY "Services were held at the Schmidt Funeral Home at West Bend Monday afternoon for Walter Ahlers, 48, widely known Town of Westboro tavern keeper, who died last Friday at Medford. ¶ Mr. Ahlers, who was president of the Taylor County Tavern League, Inc., and a member of the Westboro School Board at the time of his death, was born in the Town of Trenton, Washington County, on March 2, 1906, and attended West Bend schools. ¶ He engaged in farming several years and in 1938 opened a filling station south of West Bend, which he operated until 1945 when he came to Westboro to operate the Blue Royal at the intersection of Highways 13 and 102. He was active in community affairs, having formerly served as president of the Westboro Conservation and Recreation Association and was a former chairman of the Westboro School Board. ¶ Surviving are a daughter, Doris, Mrs. James Hoefer of West Bend; his father, John Ahlers of the Town of Trenton; 3 brothers, Fred Ahlers of Jump River; Edwin Ahlers, Town of Trenton; and Otto Ahlers of Manor, Texas; and a sister, Dora, Mrs. Arthur Miller of Columbus."	A son, Edwin Ahlers, was the longtime chairman of the Taylor County Board in the 1970's.	
6/17/1954	Obituary & Businesses	P.E. MARCUS IS DEAD "Word has been received here by Victor Kohns of the death at Chicago on May 30 of P.E. Marcus, about 80, a former Rib Lake merchant. ¶ The Marcus family operated The Fair Store, on the present site of the New Lake Theatre, for about 30 years, leaving here in the early 20's after the establishment was taken over by a farmer's cooperative. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Hattie Marcus, and three daughters, Mrs. Violet Loped, Mrs. Coreen Wolff, and Mrs. Judith Taub, all of Chicago. ¶ Mrs. Kohn had called on Mr. and Mrs. Marcus when in Chicago about a month ago."	His store, "The Fair," stood in the southeast corner of Landall and McComb. His Rib Lake home, in 2009, is occupied by Wendy and Randy Budimlija. The Marcus home was a mansion, including stained glass windows. It stands at 517 Second Street.	
6/24/1954	Businesses	SHOE FACTORY ADDITION CELEBRATION! "Construction of the new addition of the Gem Products, Inc., shoe factory was started in early April after the matter had been the subject of a study by the company and village officials for several months. The bid was awarded to Thompson Abbot Construction Company of Marshfield. The building is 183 feet long by 70 feet wide and is attached to the west side of the original shoe factory. It is approximately twice the size of the original building. ¶ It is of cement block construction, has a flat sloping roof and windows all around to provide good working conditions. ¶ The original building was constructed by Lakeland Shoes, Inc., through the sale of stock. When this company failed to materialize as an operating firm and when other plans for operation fizzled, the village started buying the building with public funds, under a law allowing purchase of property for a war memorial.		
6/24/1954 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ The Weinbrenner Company, which has a number of shoe factories in this state, then operated the plant for about 2 years, but eventually decided it would be economical to move the local operation to Marshfield, where it had excess space in its factory. Weinbrenner was instrumental in persuading the Dodson Fisher Company of St. Paul, parent company of Gem Products, to transfer part of its operation here and the operations have been successful for about 3 years..."		
7/1/1954	People	STOCK CARS WILD RIDE "Marlin Walbeck's stock racing car was badly damaged by fire at about 10:40 a. m. Monday, but he thinks it can be repaired for further action in a few days. ¶ The car was being welded by Herman Smith when it caught fire. Smith used his hand extinguisher and apparently had the blaze under control when it suddenly burst out again. He and some bystanders pushed the vehicle out of the blacksmith shop and down the alley, then called the fire department. The fireman extinguished the blaze in a hurry. Walbeck said a firewall in the vehicle saved the motor and that he believes a new seat and other necessary interior fittings, will make it about as good as new."	Marlin, known to everyone as "Shoes," was the village's stockcar ace. In the 50's he dominated stockcar driving in north Wisconsin.	
7/8/1954	Businesses & Environment	TRAIL'S END RESORT, WOOD LAKE "Here is the sign at the intersection of Highway 102 and the town road to the new Trail's End Resort, on Wood Lake, being developed by the Miklauth family. ¶ Guests at the resort are being housed in modern trailer houses which have been moved down to the lakeshore. A feature of the resort is an outdoor firing range for target practice with guns and ammunition available if the visitor does not have his own along. It is the "pet project" of Otto Miklauth of Milwaukee, a firearms hobbyist."	The sign advertising the Trail's End Resort was located on the corner of STH 102 and Wood Lake Ave., 3 miles from Wood Lake. It advertised "cabins-boats-camping sites-picnic grounds and shooting range." In 1978 Taylor County bought the entire Miklauth property from Otto & Lorraine Miklauth. It consisted of 320 acres of beautiful wooded land and contained all of the frontage around Wood Lake. It cost \$220,000. Making a very wise and far-reaching decision, the county board decided to maintain the lake for public use but banned internal combustion gasoline boat engines. The property has been developed into an outstanding campground, bathing beach and park by the county and incorporated into the adjoining 18,000 acres of Taylor County forest.	

7/15/1954	Schools	ARGUE OVER "LOCAL" BUYING FOR SCHOOLS "More than 100 persons thronged to the high school gym Monday night for the first annual meeting of the newly enlarged Rib Lake School District, which now includes half of the Town of Spirit and part of Hill, as well as the Village of Rib Lake and part of the Town of Rib Lake. ¶ One matter which caused a bitter argument involved a voucher for \$1,263.80 issued to John Dolezalek in connection with installation of new lighting fixtures. ¶ C.C. Lord, who brought the matter up, said it was his understanding that the check was made to Dolezalek, who had a labor bill of less than \$100 in connection with the job and that Dolezalek cashed the check and deposited the balance in the account of Elmer Taylor, school treasurer, who said he'd like an explanation. ¶ Taylor asserted that the bill was for lighting fixtures for 4 rooms and that he gave them to the school at cost, but issued the voucher to Dolezalek because the amount was greater than he could receive as a board member. He said that by ordering them personally, rather than through the board, he saved the district 5 or 10% and that he carried the amount and also saved the 2% discount.	The annual school board meeting is truly democracy in action. Every August, the voters within the district get to enact resolutions which gives the school board its orders. The same procedure of annual voter meeting takes place in the townships. The Village of Rib Lake - organized under state village laws - does not conduct an annual meeting of voters.	
7/15/1954 (cont)	Schools (cont)	Taylor said the entire board knew about the deal. ¶ Leon Olsen asked why the fixtures couldn't have been ordered through local dealers, asserting that he and Ed Prien, the other hardware dealer, both carried large stocks and are taxpayers. Olsen declared that he could have provided the fixtures at even a lower price. He said he had submitted catalogs to the board but heard no more on the matter and charged the board bought fixtures at Medford two years ago. Taylor asserted that the district saved \$500 through the deal and asserted that "if the people want us to buy locally at exorbitant prices, we will do it". ¶ Director George Tlusty asserted that the board tries to purchase everything locally that is possible, but if local bids aren't received, then it buys at the lowest price..."		
7/22/1954	Obituary	J. KACZMARCZYK DIES "Funeral services were held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Wednesday morning for John S. Kaczmarczyk, 63, who died at the Medford Hospital Monday after an illness of about 2 weeks. ¶ Burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Charles Kalk, Frank Turba, Gerhart Welter, Vincent Kroll, George Zondlo and Ernest Ziemke. ¶ A native of Poland, Mr. Kaczmarczyk came to the United States in 1910 and lived in Chicago before coming here in 1939. He owned and operated the farm across from the Fawn Valley School until about 3 years ago when he sold it at auction. His wife died in 1947. ¶ Surviving are a daughter, Ann Maslowski of Roby, Indiana; and two sons, Joe and Tony, both of Chicago."		
7/22/1954	Agriculture	ARMY WORMS FOUND ON NEARBY FARMS "Farmers in the Rib Lake area are readying themselves to spray their corn fields as the army worm infestation seems to be approaching. ¶ Army worms were reported in the Medford area last week, and were later found in Whittlesey territory early this week. Several farmers south of the village reported that the pests have arrived and spraying operations were underway. ¶ The infected farms reported in the Herald include those of Ewald Graumann and Ben Wudi. ¶ Materials used by spraying operators are toxaphene and DDT."	DDT was widely used following WWII. In the 1970's DDT was shown to have disastrous and unintended side effects, including the thinning of the egg shells of wild birds, such as bald eagles. As a result, the population of bald eagles in Wisconsin plummeted.	
7/29/1954	Law	TWO PAY HEAVY FINES ON TRAFFIC CHARGES "Traffic violations in the village over the weekend led to stiff fines for the two offenders. ¶ Marlin Walbeck, Route 1, was fined \$50 and costs by Justice John McQuillen at Medford on Monday on a reckless driving charge filed by local officers. The offense was said to have occurred at 2:20 a.m. Sunday and was witnessed by Marshall Pete Fyalkowski and others. ¶ Marshall Herb Curran reported that Walbeck was ordered by the justices to rid his car of its so-called "California muffler" and was warned that another traffic conviction will result in loss of his driver's license."	In the interest of full disclosure, I need to reveal that I am a close friend of Marlin Walbeck. I think it can be objectively said that in the 1950's he was quite a hellion. He once told me that he was at the Zondlo's Bar just after the State Highway Commission had erected guard rails around part of the bar and adjacent to STH 102. Those drinking in the bar decided that the guard rails should go. Marlin went to his truck, got a chainsaw and cut the posts off.	
7/29/1954	Agriculture & People	DR. KELNHOFER TO BE HONORED FOR LONG SERVICE TO FARMERS "Dr. Clement Kelnhofer of Medford, a veterinarian, who spent most of his youth in Rib Lake, will be honored for 50 years of service to the farmers of this county and their animals on August 14 as a feature of the Taylor County Cooperative Youth Fair. ¶ Dr. Kelnhofer was born in Austria, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelnhofer, and they came to Taylor County with him when he was 2 years old. They lived briefly in Medford and then came to Rib Lake, where they homesteaded on a farm west of the village, later occupied by the Quentin Carlson family. ¶ Later they purchased a farm southwest of the village, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Yorde. Mrs. Yorde was the widow of the late George Kelnhofer, a brother Dr. Clement, who operated the grocery store, which is now Bud's IGA. Art and Ed Kelnhofer of the village are nephews of Dr. Kelnhofer, who received his early education in the Rib Lake schools. ¶ In 1905, just out of Western Veterinary College of Kansas City, Missouri, he set up practice in Medford. For years he was the only veterinarian between Medford and Ashland, and he covered the far-reaching area,	The Kelnhofer farm southwest of the village in 2008 is occupied by Mr. Joseph Probst. ¶ Fayette Shaw opened the tannery in Rib Lake in 1892. He operated others in Medford and Perkinstown.	

7/29/1954 (cont)	Agriculture & People (cont)	treating horses and cattle. ¶ The early period of his practice was one in which Taylor County was gradually changing from a thriving lumber center to an agricultural region. Because of his zeal for doing things, Dr. Kelnhofer's interests fanned into civic responsibility and leadership. He became an alderman in Medford and sheriff and highway commissioner of Taylor County. ¶ His determination to put an end to tedious, hazardous travel in rural areas, especially over snow-blocked roads in winter, brought him the highway commissioner's job in 1920 while he was serving a second year as sheriff. He resigned the office as sheriff. ¶ No one knew better than Dr. Kelnhofer the hardships often involved in trips to rural areas during the "horse and buggy" era and the early days of the automobile. His cutter frequently overturned in deep snow, sometimes forcing him to ride horseback or lead his horse afoot through snowdrifts to reach a farm to deliver a calf or perform some other professional administration.		
7/29/1954 (cont)	Agriculture & People (cont)	¶ His introduction to the automobile came in 1910. Cars were no challenge for him for some of the muddy roads in those days. "I kept chains fastened to all of the tires and still there were times when teams hauled me out of impassable places," he said. ¶ Horses outnumbered cattle 4-1 in the early years of Dr. Kelnhofer's practice. His full time job for one entire year was caring for 300 horses belonging to the Shaw Tanneries, which later sold its interests to the U.S. Leather Company. The animals hauled bark from timber holdings in Lincoln County to tanneries which were numerous in Taylor County and elsewhere in northern Wisconsin in earlier days. ¶ The horse front has grown exceedingly quiet since the advent of the automobile, better roads and mobile farm machinery. Caring for cattle is the general veterinarian's job today. "Years ago the horses were afraid of me...Now I'm afraid of the horses." Kelnhofer humorously commented. ¶ Each year Dr. Kelnhofer takes short vacations from his profession to engage in hunting, his favorite recreation from the long hours of day and night service. He likes fishing, too.		
7/29/1954 (cont)	Agriculture & People (cont)	¶ Since the death of his wife in 1949, Dr. Kelnhofer has lived alone. His wife was Adelia Tupper of Marshfield, sister-in-law of the late Dr. A.M. Corbett, pioneer Marshfield physician. Dr. and Mrs. Kelnhofen became the parents of one daughter, Mrs. Harry (Ava) Lester, who lives in Long View, Washington. They also raised an adopted son, Norman Kelnhofer. ¶ Other members of the doctor's family are a brother, Joseph Kelnhofer, and a sister, Mrs. James Moran, both of Long Beach, California; and another sister, Mrs. Mary Haney, Ashland."		
8/5/1954	Roads & Rib Lake - Town	BRIDGE GOES OUT "The bridge over the Rib River near the Emma Radtke farm collapsed on Tuesday, after heavy use from trucks hauling gravel for the town, and town officials immediately started making plans to replace it. Approval of the County Highway Committee will be necessary, as the county will share in the expense. ¶ The irony of all of it is that the bridge is located just north of the farm of George Buksa, the town road superintendent, making a long detour from the south necessary for him and his neighbors. ¶ Another small bridge near the Alex Peterson place in the west part of the village also collapsed this week and plans are underway for its replacement."	The bridge stood on what in 2008 is known as Timber Dr.	
8/5/1954	Agriculture	BEAN PICKERS WANTED! [Advertisement] "Boys and girls, 9 years and up, from the Rib Lake and Westboro areas. Bus transportation will be provided at pickup stations in Westboro and Rib Lake. Register at the Rib Lake Village Hall at 10:30 a.m. this Saturday, August 7. Lincoln Canning Company, Merrill, Wis."	A large canning company operated in Merrill until c. 1998.	
8/19/1954	Obituary & Rusch	MRS. JOHN SCHAACK STRICKEN SUDDENLY "Funeral services were held Saturday morning in St. Justine Martyr Catholic Church at Chicago for Mrs. Christine Schaack, 82, a former longtime resident of this community. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery. ¶ She was the widow of John Schaack, former rural mail carrier here, who died just 5 years ago last week and the mother of Francis P. Schaack of Rib Lake. ¶ The former Christina Stump was born in Kansas on January 7, 1872, and was married to Mr. Schaack in Chicago. They lived there a short time and then came to Rib Lake in 1897, homesteading on a farm about 3 miles east of Rib Lake, now occupied by the Frank Filas family. They moved to Rib Lake and settled in the home now occupied by their son in 1915. Mr. Schaack retired in 1936 and they moved to Chicago in 1943. ¶ She had lived in Chicago with her son, Bill, since her husband's death. She was a pioneer member of St. John the Baptist congregation and active in the church while she lived here.	The former Schaack farm in the Town of Rib Lake included the SE 1/4 - SW 1/4, Section 20, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. The farm was bisected by the Rib Lake-Tomahawk railroad. Later, the lumber company constructed a junction there for its line leading to Wood Lake, and eventually, to the extensive lumber company holdings in Lincoln County. In addition to farming, John Schaack operated a shingle mill and a post office. After the Schaacks moved to the village	
8/19/1954 (cont)	Obituary & Rusch (cont)	¶ Surviving are 5 sons, Francis [Frannie] and Bill, and Ed, also of Chicago; John, Milwaukee; and George, of Liverpool, California; and 5 daughters, Marie, Mrs. George Rice, Elizabeth, Mrs. Henry Meyers, Catherine, Mrs. Anthony Sues, and Margaret, Mrs. Frank Vanek, all of Chicago; and Agnes, Mrs. George Shepard, Milwaukee. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. F.P. Schaack, Jimmy and Mark, were among those from out of town attending the service."	in 1915, they long occupied the home built by my grandfather, Hermann Emanuel Rusch. That structure still stands in 2008 as the home of Robert and Barbara Anderson, 746 Fayette Ave. ¶ Mrs. Schaack's family, the Stumps, developed "Stumpville," a sawmill operation on Wood Creek in the Town of Greenwood. Readers using the CD version of the annotated chronology can search for "Stumpville."	

8/19/1954	People & Rusch	BLECK-STERNHAGEN "Miss Viola Anna Bleck, daughter of Mrs. Anna Bleck and the late Robert Bleck, Sr., became the bride of Harold A. Sternhagen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sternhagen, Florence, in a double ring ceremony at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church last Saturday at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. C.J. Kionka officiated. ¶ For her wedding, Miss Bleck chose a street length afternoon gown of blue nylon lace, worn with white accessories. She wore the groom's gift of a rhinestone necklace, earrings and bracelet and a corsage of pink roses. ¶ Mrs. Hubert Weber, De Pere, sister of the bride, was her attendant. She wore a street length afternoon frock of beige trimmed with lace and matching accessories and a corsage of mixed summer flowers. Her rhinestone earrings and necklace set was a gift of the bride. ¶ Hubert Weber was Mr. Sternhagen's best man. ¶ A wedding supper for over 50 guests was served at Harper Lake Resort. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Sternhagen are graduates of the Florence and Rib Lake High Schools, respectively. After a wedding trip to northern Wisconsin, they plan to make their home in Wausau, where the groom is employed as a salesman for the G.M. Popkey Company.		
8/19/1954 (cont)	People & Rusch (cont)	dealers in TV. ¶ Previous to her marriage, the bride was a clerk at Heindl's Clover Farm Store. ¶ Out of town guests attending the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sternhagen, Florence; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kurth and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rusch and son, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, Lorraine and Rodney, Cornell; Mr. and Mrs. Al Knop and family, Junction City; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bleck and family of Phillips; and Mr. and Mrs. Gehrman Radtke and family, Wausau."		
8/26/1954	Obituary & Harper Lake	LOUIS ANDERSON DIES "Services were held at the Taylor Funeral Home Friday afternoon for Louis Anderson, 81, caretaker at Harper Lake, who was found dead in his small home on the R.P. Monroe place near the lake on Tuesday evening. The body was found by the Max Schaufelbergers of Camp Carter, who had gone to the place to see him. They notified officials in the village, who, in turn, notified Coroner Dave Ruesch and Sheriff Harry Dietzman. ¶ Ruesch said Mr. Anderson apparently died Tuesday morning of natural causes. ¶ A native of Denmark, he had operated a farm near Medford until 1944, when he came to Harper Lake. He served as winter caretaker and handyman for several resorts and homes in that area, and apparently had been in good health prior to his death. He is believed to have a sister in Denmark but no other relatives. ¶ The Rev. Robert Drown of Ogema officiated, and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers included Hans Hanson, Cy Claussen, Max Schaufelberger, George Seidel, Earl Lehman and R.P. Monroe."	Camp Carter was located in the SE 1/4, Section 2, Town 33 North, Range 2 East; the site in 2008 is just north of Rustic Road No. 1. Readers can access the history of Camp Carter by searching "Carter" in the CD version of the annotated chronology.	
9/2/1954	Obituary & Agriculture	ELMER SCOTT, 55, SUCCUMBS AFTER A YEAR OF SICKNESS "Elmer E. Scott, 55, widely known Town of Westboro farmer and member of an early family in the community, died early Tuesday morning following an illness of more than a year. ¶ Funeral services will be held from the home, on Highway 13 just south of the Highway 102 intersection, at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, and at 2:00 p.m. at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church at Westboro. The Rev. Woodrow Wilson will officiate. ¶ Mr. Scott was born in Chelsea on March 26, 1899, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scott. The family moved to Rib Lake when Elmer was a boy and the elder Mr. Scott was once village marshal here. ¶ He settled on the edge of the Town of Westboro and started farming in 1915. He was married to Miss Emma Peterson on June 24, 1927, in Ogema. He was a longtime member of the Lutheran church at Westboro, served on the Westboro school board for about 12 years, was active in the Farmer's Union and had been an early official of the Triple A government farm organization and its successor organizations.	The Scott farm lay just south of the Rib Lake railroad spur off the main line. The Soo Line had a "wye" there to permit trains from both the north and south to steam to Rib Lake.	
9/2/1954 (cont)	Obituary & Agriculture (cont)	¶ Surviving are the widow, three daughters, Janell, Mrs. Edward Werner, Lakeland, Minnesota; Mildred, Mrs. Frank Kestler, Westboro; Elizabeth, at home; two sons, Robert and Duane, both at home, and 8 grandchildren. His only brother, Arthur, of Marshfield, predeceased him in death more than a year ago."		
9/9/1954	Schools	TIE-BREAKER CHOSEN "News of the appointment of James H. Van Wagenen, Stevens Point, as the 13th individual to settle the tie vote between the Taylor County-Price County school committee on petitions of several communities which want to get out of the Prentice School District was received Wednesday by A.A. Prochnow, County Superintendent of Schools.¶ Mr. Van Wagenen, a practicing attorney at Stevens Point for 25 years and former county judge there, was appointed by Circuit Judge Louis J. Charles, after the two committees notified him they had voted a tie on petitions from portions of Spirit, Hill and Ogema, seeking to be let out of the Prentice district and be attached to the Rib Lake or Westboro districts. ¶ Prochnow, who served as secretary of the Taylor County School Committee, had not been notified as of Wednesday when the Stevens Point man will meet with the two committees to break the tie."		

9/9/1954	Physician & Politics	A CHANGE OF YOUR LIFETIME! "Citizens of the Village of Rib Lake and the Towns of Rib Lake, Westboro and Greenwood will have an opportunity to do something for themselves and for their future generations next Tuesday, when they go to polls to decide whether their local governmental units will help build a clinic-hospital in Rib Lake. ¶ Construction, with public funds, of an institution to provide adequate medical and hospital care for the northeastern part of Taylor County, rather than by private subscription, seems to us to be the logical approach to this important problem. ¶ Over a period of years, we would venture to guess that EVERY family in the community will have occasion to use the facilities of the institutions in one way or another. ¶ If everyone is going to use it, then, isn't it logical that everyone should help pay for it through taxes! ¶ The average individual shudders when a mention is made of raising taxes. Yet, in this instance, the increase will be so small that it should make very little difference to any of us. In most cases, the presence of a clinic-hospital and the easily available medical service, will save the individual the increased amount of taxes, and wear and tear on	This article appeared on the front page of the Herald. To make a long story short, the clinic was eventually built in Rib Lake and for many, many years was operated by the very popular physician, Dr. Sigfried Hesse. In 1976 Dr. Hesse attended my wife, Karen, as she was laboring to give birth to Robin. It was a long and delayed labor. At 5:00 a.m. Dr. Hesse came out to see me and explained that it would be a long wait. He then said "Let's talk politics." Dr. and Beverly Hesse lived one mile west of the village.	
9/9/1954 (cont)	Physician & Politics (cont)	your automobile, loss of time, and inconvenience of getting to a hospital or doctor is figured in. ¶ The individual proposals which will be voted upon in referenda in the village and three townships, are figured logically, and reflect, we believe, the amount of financial participation which should be expected from each. ¶ In the village, the proposal calls for an expenditure of \$30,000 to be raised at a rate of a mill and a half (\$1.50 for each \$1,000 of assessed property valuation) over a period of 20 years. ¶ The Town of Rib Lake vote will be on the expenditure of only \$15,000, to be raised at the same mill rate. Although the question limits the time of a levy to 20 years, it can readily be seen that it will not be necessary to raise it for that period. The \$15,000 should be raised in about 10 years, if the present assessed valuation of the Town of Rib Lake is maintained. ¶ In both the Towns of Greenwood and Westboro, the proposals are for appropriations of \$10,000, to be raised over a 20-year period at a tax levy of not to exceed one half mill (50 cents on each \$1,000 of assessed property valuation).	Retiring about 1990, Dr. and Mrs. Hesse returned to the State of Colorado. ¶ Joan Magnuson told me this story about Dr. Hesse: Joan long felt ill and no one could diagnose her malady. Dr. Hesse finally telephoned the Marshfield Clinic/St. Joseph Hospital and insisted they hospitalize Mrs. Magnuson until an accurate diagnosis was made! Seventeen days later, a rare and treatable condition was diagnosed.	
9/9/1954 (cont)	Physician & Politics (cont)	¶ While it seems probable that the entire sum of \$65,000 (assuming all of the votes are favorable) will have to be raised immediately to get the project going at the earliest possible time, there also is every reason to believe that the institution eventually will become self-sustaining and that at least a portion of the publicly-raised contributions can be prorated back to the local governmental units according to the rate of their original participation. ¶ We think these referenda are giving the folks of this area an opportunity to take the greatest forward step in the community history - not only from the humanitarian viewpoint, but from the selfish viewpoint of dollars and cents expended under the present inadequate medical and hospital arrangements as well. ¶ We trust, hope and pray, that the entire community will give the proposal a vigorous and combined "YES" vote, which will mean the beginning of a new epoch in northeastern Taylor County."		
9/9/1954	Church - Catholic	FR. STAAB LEAVING "The Rev. Christian J. Staab, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for the past 2 years and 2 months, and Pastor of mission churches in this area for the previous 6 months, left today on his new parish assignment at Perham, Minnesota. ¶ He will be succeeded by the Rev. Robert Stock, who comes here from a parish in Minnesota and is a brother of the Rev. Frederick Stock, also a former pastor of St. John the Baptist. ¶ Fr. Staab was a guest of honor at a farewell party given by the parish at the church Tuesday evening and was presented with a purse as a farewell gift."		
9/16/1954	Railroad - Wis. Central	WRECK DELAYS LOCAL MAIL "Derailment of 18 cars of a 40-car freight train at Auburndale last Sunday night resulted in a 7-hour delay in the arrival of Monday morning mail in the village. ¶ The local mail from the south was received and distributed here about 12:30 p.m. whereas it ordinarily is brought to the local post office from Chelsea at about 5:30 a.m. ¶ A spectacular fire, which started when a carload of oil was ignited, spread to a carload of rubber tires. Two cars were entirely destroyed by fire and several others and their contents were scorched. ¶ Exact cause of the derailment was not ascertained immediately but damage was estimated at \$100,000. The north bound Soo Line train bringing the mail here was rerouted around the site over Chicago & Northwestern tracks."	The C&NW tracks then ran from Eland Junction (Wausau) north through Antigo.	
9/16/1954	Physician & Politics	VILLAGE, TWO TOWNS, APPROVE HOSPITAL "Construction of a clinic-hospital in Rib Lake apparently was a certainty after 3 of the 4 local government units participating in referenda gave hearty approval to the proposal Tuesday. ¶ Voters in the Village of Rib Lake approved the appropriation of \$30,000 towards the project by a vote of 373-35. A \$15,000 appropriation was approved in the Town of Rib Lake, 194-48 and a \$10,000 contribution was approved in the Town of Westboro, 136-68. ¶ The Town of Greenwood rejected a proposed contribution of \$10,000 by 6 votes - 87 in favor and 93 against. ¶ Mayor Leon Olsen said Wednesday he was considering calling a combined meeting of the Village Board and the two Town Boards to decide the immediate steps which will be taken to put the project into action. ¶ The favorable votes in each instance call for the issuance of bonds by the respective communities, and it is assumed that details of issuing them will be one of the first steps to be taken. It appears that once bonds are issued, the money received and the site for the building selected, the work can go ahead...."	The clinic building was eventually erected at 657 McComb Ave. The structure in 2008 is occupied by Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. The clinic was replaced about 1995, when a new clinic building was built in the village on the south side of STH 102.	

9/16/1954	Politics	SATCH LOSES BY 469 VOTES "Millard Kapitz lost his bid for the Republican nomination for Assemblyman for the newly formed Taylor and Price County district by 469 votes. ¶ The winner was Vincent J. Zellinger of Phillips, a farmer and incumbent Price County Assemblyman. ¶ The vote, Zellinger 3,549; Kapitz, 3,080...."		
9/16/1954	Church - Methodist	MEMORIAL WINDOW FOR MARY UPJOHN "A memorial window for the late Mrs. Mary Upjohn, a longtime member of the church and active in many organizations, will be dedicated at Sunday morning services at Rib Lake Methodist Church. ¶ The memorial window will be placed in the chancel, directly over the altar. It is rectangular in shape, with the Norman arch, symbolic of prayer, as the outline motif. Cental in the design of up-ended triangles is a medallion containing symbols of the Trinity. ¶ Uppermost is the shield and the downreaching hand, symbolic of God, the Father. Next, beneath is Angus Dei, the lamb triumphant resting on the book of the Word, designating the Son of God, and finally the descending dove, signifying the Holy Spirit. ¶ The sanctuary as a whole, which has been renovated by men of the congregation, will also be rededicated. The ceilings, walls and pews have been repainted and cathedral glass is being installed in the windows. ¶ The congregation of the Westboro and Spirit Methodist churches will worship with the Rib Lake congregation and the church schools will attend the services in a body.	Mrs. Mary Upjohn was the widow of the late James Upjohn, longtime Rib Lake leader and pharmacist.	
9/16/1954 (cont)	Church - Methodist (cont)	¶ Women of the church will serve a fellowship dinner in the social hall following the formal service. ¶ The Rev. A.R. Henry of Eau Claire, District Superintendent, will preach the dedication sermon for the services starting at 11:00 a.m., assisted in the service by the Pastor, the Rev. Douglas K. Marks."		
9/16/1954	Politics	SHERIFF ELECT "Marlin (Churney) Curran, a hometown Rib Lake boy, won the Republican nomination for sheriff in a four way race at Tuesday's primary. ¶ Churney polled 1,760 votes as compared to 770 for Duane Warner of Stetsonville, his nearest opponent. Al Zastrow, Medford, former sheriff, received 499 votes, and Joe Sweda, Lublin, received 466. Churney was told it was exactly 25 greater than the combined total of his three opponents."		
10/7/1954	Harper Lake & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	STATE PLAN ON IMPROVEMENTS AT HARPER LAKES IS APPROVED "A double barrel program for the improvement of fishing at the Harper Lakes was approved by the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association Monday evening and actual work on the program, as proposed by the State Conservation Department, will be started soon. ¶ The approval was voted after Wallace E. Niemuth, a state biologist stationed at the Spooner area Conservation Headquarters, outlined the results of recent net tests made at the lakes under his supervision. ¶ He reported the tests indicated that the fish in North Harper were in fairly good condition, with muskies and walleyes evident and panfish small but not stunted. Conditions are opposite in South Harper, where there are some bass, mostly small, and where the panfish population is badly stunted. ¶ The remedy? ¶ Niemuth recommended the installation of 3 or 4 so-called "brush shelters" in North Harper to give the panfish population some protection so they will grow to a more normal size.		
10/7/1954 (cont)	Harper Lake & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. (cont)	¶ He recommended planting of a large quantity of walleye pike in South Harper, which he said should result in lowering the stunted panfish population and allow those which do survive to reach a more nearly normal size. ¶ After the club approved the recommendations, President Pete Fyalkowski appointed Peanuts Olson and George Seidel to act as a liason committee between the Club and the Department, which will supervise the overall program..."		
10/14/1954	Schools	13TH MAN VOTES AGAINST TOWNS ON THREE PRENTICE SCHOOL DISTRICT PETITIONS "Although he admitted he did not believe his decision would settle the matter, Attorney James H. Van Wagenen of Stevens Point voted "NO" on three of the four school petitions which he considered, as circuit court appointed 13th man in the deadlocked vote between the Price and Taylor County educational committees. ¶ The only petition on which he voted affirmatively was that of Harold Christofferson, owner of 80 acres in the Town of Hill, who asked that the property be detached from the Prentice district in Price County and attached to the Westboro district in Taylor County. ¶ Van Wagenen said that he was approving this petition because there was no dispute that the property in question was omitted by mistake in a former order...¶ He cast a negative vote on the other three petitions, which would have attached 21 sections, or the northern half of the Town of Spirit, to the Rib Lake district, another which would have attached 7 sections of the Town of Hill to the Rib Lake district, and a third which would have attached 14 sections of the Town of Ogema to the Westboro district.		
10/14/1954 (cont)	Schools (cont)	¶ Thus, we have another step in the 4-year-old struggle in which Spirit, Ogema and Hill residents have sought to be detached from the southern Price, or Prentice, district, established in the fall of 1950 by the Price County Educational Committee..."		

10/21/1954	Obituary & Westboro	MRS. KATHERINE HILL BURIED AT WESTBORO "Funeral services were held Monday in St. Mark's National Lutheran Church for Mrs. John Hill, 85, a longtime resident of the Westboro community, who died last Tuesday at the home of her son, Reuben, east of Westboro. She had been ill for about 4 months. ¶ The Rev. H.J. Kotila of Milwaukee, pastor, officiated and burial was in the Finnish Community Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mauno Niemi, John Carlson, Urho Carlson, William Westberg, Arvid Arkola and John Tuomi. The former Katherine Kullio was born in Finland on November 10, 1868, and was married there to John Hill in December of 1896. They later came to this country and settled in Westboro in 1909 on the farm now occupied by the son. She was a member of the Finnish Lutheran congregation. ¶ Mr. Hill died in 1944 and a son, Matt, also preceded her in death. ¶ Surviving are three sons, Reuben, John Hill, Milwaukee; and Gust Hill, Chicago; three daughters, Mrs. Everett Edens, Westboro; Mrs. Ann Bay, Ontanogon, Michigan; Mrs. Joseph Burkhart, Chicago; a brother, John Kullio, Gladstone, Michigan; 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren."	The name Hill is another illustration of the practice of anglicizing foreign names. In Finland the family was known by the last name of Hieta Maki; it means sand hill.	
10/28/1954	Obituary	FINAL RITES HELD FOR MRS. MARTIN AT LOCAL CHURCH "Funeral services were held from the Taylor Funeral Home and at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. yesterday for Mrs. Olga Martin, 89, who died Monday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rose Myr at Chippewa Falls. ¶ Mrs. Martin, who would have been 90 years old on the day of her burial, had been in ill health since last May. ¶ The Rev. C.J. Kionka officiated and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Francis and Carlos Myr, Julius Hansen, Bert Hurtgen, William Martin and Elmer Smith. ¶ A native of Altenberg, Germany, where she was born October 27, 1864, she came to the United States with her family in 1880 and was married to William Martin the following year. ¶ They came to the Town of Greenwood and farmed there several years, living in Medford between 1901 and 1909 when Mr. Martin was county clerk. He died in 1914, after they had resumed farming in the Town of Rib Lake.		
10/28/1954 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Mrs. Martin kept house for her stepfather, the late John Oehme until 1941 when she went to Chippewa Falls to live with her daughter. ¶ Surviving are two sons, Edwin Martin and Otto Martin, both of Rib Lake; and three daughters, Mrs. Myr, Mrs. Ella Murphy, Minneapolis; Mrs. Frieda Hurtgen, Chippewa Falls; 18 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren."		
10/28/1954	Businesses	OLSON SELLS STORE TO HAWKINS PEOPLE, KRINGS AND THEILIG "A business transaction of interest to the community was effected last Thursday, when Leon Olsen sold the Olsen Hardware Store to Reuben Krings and Melvin Theilig of Hawkins. ¶ The new owners took over immediately and began taking inventory. ¶ The new store will be known as the Rib Lake Marshall-Wells Store, and will be affiliated with the Marshall-Wells Company, a large, wholesale hardware distributing firm with headquarters in Duluth. ¶ Olsen, Village President, has no immediate plans for the future. He has rented the home of the late Claude Shelley on Railroad Street, which the family will occupy sometime next month. He had operated the store here for about 11 years, having been a hardware salesman before buying the local store from Mrs. Anna Arnold. ¶ The new owners are brothers-in-law, each having married the other's sister. They will occupy the living quarters on the second story of the Olsen building, planning eventually to convert the 7-room flat into two apartments.	In 2009, Genesis Youth Center occupies this hardware store site, 818 McComb Ave.	
10/28/1954 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ The Marshall-Wells firm, which the new store will be affiliated with, is the largest hardware distributor in the northwest. It has some 600 affiliated stores, including about 100 in Canada, which distribute approximately a third of all of the hardware sold in Canada."		
10/28/1954	People & Rusch	RINEHART-BLECK "Miss Gladys Ann Rinehart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rinehart, became the bride of Robert A. Bleck, son of Mrs. Anna Bleck, last Saturday at 1:00 o'clock at St. John the Baptist Church. The Rev. Robert Stock officiated and the bride was given in marriage by her father. ¶ For her wedding, Miss Rinehart chose an afternoon gown of white nylon taffeta, fashioned with a full skirt and a short lace jacket with 3/4 sleeves. Her hat was a white velvet cap style, trimmed with sequins and a short veil, and she wore a corsage of red and white roses. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Bleck are graduates of Rib Lake High School and after a wedding trip to southern Wisconsin, will make their home in Rib Lake, where the groom is a member of the Post Office staff.		
10/28/1954 (cont)	People & Rusch (cont)	¶ Out of town guests at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skogquist and children, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pierce and Melvin Rinehart, all of Anoka, Minnesota; and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Bartel and children of St. Paul. Also Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Weber, De Pere; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kurth, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trice and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson and son Rodney, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bleck, Phillips; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sternhagen, Wausau; and A/3C Raymond Rusch, Scottfield, Illinois."		

11/4/1954	Businesses	NEW LAKE THEATRE MANAGEMENT GOES TO IOWA OPERATOR "Change in management of the New Lake Theatre was effected Sunday when Narid Enterprises of Des Moines, Iowa took over the establishment under a lease with Mrs. Lillian Bednarek. ¶ Narid Enterprises is owned by T.S. Riddel of Des Moines, a wholesale distributor of theatre equipment and operator of a service department in connection with the wholesale activities. Mr. Riddel also operates three other theatres in Iowa. ¶ John Nargang, who has been associated with Riddel in the operation of the drive-in theatre at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is the new local manager, and with his family, will occupy the Bednarek residence on Main Street."	This movie theatre stood in the southeast corner of Landall and McComb Ave.	
11/11/1954	History - 11/11/1954	DOWN THE ROAD "Eight points of interest in northeastern and northern Taylor County are among those listed in the newly illustrated "Headwaters Country Parkways"-a tourist guidebook published recently by Headwaters, Inc. ¶ A copy of the brochure at the Herald office may be borrowed to anyone in the area who is interested. ¶ Here is the text of the descriptive material as published in the book under the numbers assigned being those shown on a map to indicate the exact location of the featured points. ¶ 606. Gem Products, Inc., a branch of Dodson Fisher Company, specializes in women's vocational and sport shoes. This is Rib Lake's newest and largest plant. Operations currently are being expanded. ¶ 626. Rib Lake Cheese Co. Many Taylor County cheese plants turn over their product to the Rib Lake Cheese Company for marketing as "Rib Lake brand" rindless, Wisconsin natural cheese. Each day, 15,000-20,000 pounds of cheddar and longhorn are brought into the cheese assembly warehouse, where it is pliofilm wrapped into 1/2, 1, 2, 5 & 10-pound packages and labeled as medium, mild or sharp. Wholesaling is done throughout the north central states and as far away as New York.	The Laabs Dairy Company, later Cooper Cheese, in Westboro, operated until about 1980. Its large, single-story brick building stood just east of the present Rail-Trail [old Soo Line right-of-way] and north of Silver Creek. The building was torn down about 1993.	
11/11/1954 (cont)	History - 11/11/1954 (cont)	¶ 651. Rib Lake Fishery. The Fish & Game Association for years has sponsored the Rib Lake Fishery in cooperation with the State Conservation Department. Muskies are raised one year and walleyed pike the next. The pond has been found to be an ideal place for this work, requiring a minimum of care. ¶ 632. Rib Lake Herald. The Rib Lake Herald, located on the "Sunny Side" of Rib Lake's Main Street, features two front page columns, which have received statewide recognition and have been quoted widely "Sunny Side of the Street" and "Down the Road." A modern printshop is located in connection with the newspaper. Visitors will find the welcome sign on the front of the building, "If you can't stop in - smile as you go by." ¶ 609. Steve Olah farm. A few years ago the Steve Olah farm could have been bought for a song. Today it is a valuable Grade A dairy farm. A complete soil conservation program adapting the farm to its setting on a very steep slope has received the top award in the area grassland farming contest. One of the most unusual aspects of the program is a single continuous cropping strip 1 3/4 miles in length. Ask Steve about the complete story.		
11/11/1954 (cont)	History - 11/11/1954 (cont)	¶ 629. Picnic area and campsite. The Green Grove 4-H Club has developed an unusually fine area and campsite on the Rib River for use of the general public. ¶ 621. Laabs Dairy Company. Stainless steel and tile are everywhere in the Laabs Dairy Company. This ultra-modern plant gets milk from 275 farms and turns it into rindless American cheddar cheese with Parakote covering. Marketing is done through the Kraft Cheese Company. The whey is dried for animal feeds and distributed throughout the country. Visitors may come during weekdays; 10:00 in the morning is best. ¶ 609. Mondeaux Dam & Recreational Area. The Mondeaux Dam Recreation area surrounds a 600-acre lake formed by a dam on the Mondeaux River. The loop road around the flowage is a beautiful drive, taking you to picnic areas, camp and trailer sites, a swimming beach and a rustic lodge with showers, dressing rooms, boat rental and refreshment services. Don't miss a stop at the glacial spring. Fishing has steadily improved for panfish, bass and muskies since the flowage opened in 1938. Thirty-thousand people visited the Mondeaux Dam Recreational Area last year."		
11/18/1954	Environment & Westboro	WESTBORO FLOWAGE PROPOSAL REJECTED BY BOARD MEMBERS "Westboro's proposal for county construction of a dam on Silver Creek to create a recreation flowage was rejected by the county board of supervisors again at the annual session which ended Monday, but sponsors of the plan believe there is still hope. ¶ The measure, which the board rejected by a vote of 23-6, called for a 2/10 of a mill county tax levy in the county over a 7-year period. It was estimated it would raise approximately \$40,000. ¶ Ben Seidel and I.P. Kiger of Westboro representing the community and the Westboro Conservation and Recreation Association, the original sponsor, told the board members that facilities at Mondeaux Flowage of Westboro are overcrowded and another recreational area in the northern part of the county would be advantageous..."	The flowage on Silver Creek was never built. Its planned site was just north of CTH D.	
12/23/1954	Obituary & Businesses	MRS. ANNA MCRAE, EARLY RESIDENT, BURIED ON MONDAY "Funeral services were held Monday at St. John the Baptist Church for Mrs. Anna McRae, 75, an early resident of the community. ¶ A solemn high mass was conducted by the Reverends Robert Stock, Robert Wuest and Francis Weiner, and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers, all members of the Catholic War Veterans, were Peter Bogumill, Peter Fyalkowski, Stanley Hebda, Joe Pertmer, Frank Yanko and George Thums, Jr. ¶ The former Anna Schanberger was born in Reindorf, Bavaria, on Dec. 8, 1879, and came to this country with her parents when she was a child. They settled in Little Black and came to Rib Lake in 1894. She was married to John McRae, then an engineer for the lumber company in Rib Lake, on July 3, 1896. ¶ A few years after their marriage, they purchased the former Fred Brady Bakery and operated it, along with a restaurant and boarding house, for many years. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. McRae celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1946.	The McRae building still stands, as of 2009, at 744 McComb Ave. About 1903, the McRaes sold meal tickets: 21 meals for \$3.50 total!	

12/23/1954 (cont)	Obituary & Businesses (cont)	¶ Mr. McRae died suddenly in July, 1952, at the Marshfield Hospital while there to call on his wife, who had undergone an operation. She returned and continued operating the bakery and grocery store, celebrating the 50th anniversary of their business late in May of this year, with an open house. ¶ She was an active member of St. John the Baptist congregation, the Christian Mother's, auxiliaries to the American Legion and Catholic War Veterans, the Catholic Order of Foresters, Legion of Mary and the Royal Neighbors Lodge. She had recently received a pin in honor of 50 years of membership in the latter organization. ¶ Surviving are a daughter, Hilda, Mrs. Eyvend Hagen, Milwaukee; three sons, James L. McRae, Minneapolis; Vernon A. McRae, Cleveland, Ohio; and Milton J. McRae, Eau Claire..."		
12/30/1954	Businesses	TITAN CHAINSAWS "Sales and service. Alan J. Blomberg, Route 1, Ogema, phone 8R11."	The early 1950's saw the chainsaw come of age. Very noisy and heavy by standards of today, the one-man chainsaw was a miracle tool.	
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1/6/1955	Clubs/Orders	ROBERT C. BECKER NEW PRESIDENT OF COMMERCIAL CLUB "Robert C. Becker was elected president of the Rib Lake Commercial Club at the monthly dinner meeting in the Little Bohemia Café Tuesday evening. He succeeds Edwin C. Thums. ¶ Frannie P. Schaack was named vice president, and Keith Zintz was re-elected secretary-treasurer. ¶ The slate of officers was presented by a nominating committee composed of Ed Prein, Herman Batzer and Dick Upjohn. ¶ Committees for the approaching Farmers Institute were named as follows: program and food at school-Mr. Zintz and Becker; bread donations-John W. Freeck; butter and cheese donations-Mr. Becker; door prizes-Ed Prien and Art Schultz. ¶ The Club voted a \$35 appropriation to the Chequamegon District of Upper 13, a promotional and advertising organization which works to bring tourists into the area adjacent to the STH 13, "Wisconsin's Main Street."	The Marshall-Wells Store occupied Lot 5, Block B of McComb's Racing Park Addition to the Village of Rib Lake. It was long-used as a hardware store on the east side of McComb Ave. In 2009, the site is occupied by the Genesis Youth Center. ¶ During the WWI era, the store was operated by Edward J. Johnson; he sold out to Phillip J. Arnold, who ran the hardware store from 1920-1944.	
1/6/1955 (cont)	Clubs/Orders (cont)	¶ Elmer Taylor urged cooperation of members of the Club with the Fish & Game Association on the ice fishing contest next Sunday, and announced that a small work-bee will be held at the Rib Lake dam site in the near future to strengthen some of the bulwarks erected in previous years. ¶ Melvin Theilig, of the Marshall-Wells Store, was introduced as a new member."	In 1944 Leon W. Olsen operated this facility as "Olsen Hardware." In June of 1956, Olsen sold the store to Rube Krings and Mel Theilig, doing business as Marshall-Wells Hardware. The Sept. 14, 1961, edition of the Herald reported the Rube Krings bought out the interest of Theilig and the store was then known as "Coast-to-Coast." ¶ On Oct. 21, 1961, Mr. and Mrs. Kring sold the Coast-to-Coast store to Mr. and Mrs. John Sabo. The Herald reported the sale included the 2-story hardware store building, a warehouse addition in the rear, a garage, and an "enclosed vacant lot to the north." ¶ The final owner and operator of the hardware store was Tom Carroll, who purchased it May 1, 1969, from John and Madlyn Sabo. Tom was a delightful chap; I remember him as always chewing on a stub of a cigar. Tom kept inventory by writing down each purchase in longhand in a notebook. ¶ Robert C. Becker died on 2/13/2009.	
1/20/1955	Clubs/Orders	TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB MEETS "The regular meeting of the Twentieth Century Club was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Millard Kapitiz, with Mrs. Kate Patrick as co-hostess. ¶ Mrs. Joe Daniels reported that the Cub Scout group, sponsored by the Club, now has a membership of 12, and that the members were taught basket-weaving so they could make Christmas gifts for their mothers. Mrs. Edwin Thums also commented on the Cub activities. ¶ The club was presented with a permanent record book by Mrs. Vincent Nystrom, who explained it had been donated by her father-in-law in Chicago. Mrs. Ray Voemastek conducted the program, giving a book review on "The Heritage of America." ¶ Mrs. Werner Elg and Miss Lyla Ninman will be hostesses for the next meeting on Feb. 1."		
1/20/1955	Obituary	MRS. CARL RADTKE DIES AT 81 AFTER ILLNESS OF A YEAR "Mrs. Carl Radtke, Sr., 81, member of an early Rib Lake family, died Tuesday morning at the home in the village, after a serious illness of about a year. ¶ Services will be held from the Taylor Funeral Home and at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. Friday with the Rev. C.J. Kionka officiating. ¶ The former Augusta Mielke was born in Germany August 18, 1873, the daughter of William and Caroline Mielke, and came to this country when she was about 19 years old, settling with her family in the Town of Rib Lake. She was married to Carl Radtke Dec. 4, 1894, and for many years they occupied the farm now operated by their son, Fred. ¶ She was a long-time member of St. John's Church and a charter member of the Ladies Aid Society.		

1/20/1955 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Surviving are the husband, two sons, Fred and Carl Radtke, Jr., of Black Earth; 7 daughters, Flora, Mrs. Harry Simonar, Milwaukee; Miss Ada Radtke, Milwaukee; Hulda, Mrs. Al Koehler, Thenesville; Agnes, Mrs. Tracy Berfield, Rib Lake; Betty, Mrs. Rolland Andres, Madison; Edna, Mrs. Ryland C. Gibbs, Fullerton, California; and Eleanor, Mrs. Ode Lemke, Black Earth; a sister, Martha, in Germany; 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Two children preceded her in death."		
1/20/1955	Forests, School	COUNTY COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY HAS MEETING "The County Forestry Committee met Thursday of last week at Medford with Paul Lueck, Deer Creek; Frank Higgins, Molitor; Fred Dorava, Town of Grover; Gus Kowalcik, Town of Ford; and Fred Vlach, Town of Rib Lake, Chairman, present. ¶ The committee recommended that only residents of Taylor County be permitted to cut on forest crop lands, except those who have held cutting contracts with the county since 1950. They also went on record to make future timber sales on an appraisal basis. ¶ They discussed the cutting of Christmas trees, and the recommendation was made that forest crop lands be open for cutting Christmas trees in 1955. The committee will set up the final plans for this at its April or July meeting.	The final paragraph of this article refers to the tract of land which is now the Rib Lake School Forest. It is a spectacular piece of glacial property - well-forested - just north of CTH D.	
1/20/1955 (cont)	Forests, School (cont)	¶ Milton Reinke, District Forester, reported that the cooperative survey run by the National Container Cooperative of Tomahawk in Taylor County has been completed. Nine miles of the survey was done on the Lincoln-Taylor County line. The expenditure from the forest crop fund for this survey amounted to \$880. An additional survey is planned within the forest crop land. ¶ Other action involved a 200-acre tract of forest crop land in Section 15 in the Town of Rib Lake. The Rib Lake High School made a special request for this tract to the county board in the April session of 1954, at which time the board approved its release. The forestry committee is making further study of the action request before final action is taken."	¶ Note the reference to Milton Reinke and the re-survey of the county line between Lincoln and Taylor Counties. This survey work was successful in actually locating the original survey post marking the exact corner between Price, Taylor and Lincoln Counties. The top of the post had been burned and rotted off, but its buried stub was located. You may consult Milton Reinke's report on this as Document #12355.	
1/20/1955	Forests, Wood	DEMAND FOR TREE STOCKS INCREASES "A record demand for forest planting stock and a change in the ideas of tree planters as to what they want to grow has left Wisconsin nurseries short of Norway pine trees, and with a surplus of jack pine trees, that means that some of the latter must be discarded. ¶ The conservation department nurseries have sold out their supplies of 3-year-old seedlings and 4-year-old transplants of Norway pines. There are still some 2-year-old Norways on hand, but they are moving out. White pines continue to be popular for planting on the better sites. The Department expects to sell its supply of white spruce transplants, but few people want to plant jack pine trees now. ¶ The jack pine was formerly favored as the tree to plant on poor soils, but now it is believed that the Norway pine do well on much of such lands, and it is a much more popular tree. The Norway pine has become popular as a Christmas tree, opening a market for plantation thinnings. But on many of the lands, jack pine is still the tree to plant.	Jack pine did not naturally occur in the Rib Lake area. At least, I used to think so. But recently my step-son, Jim Dillon, found a beautiful, mature jack pine on his land, SE 1/4 - SW 1/4, Section 13, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. The healthy jack pine stands alone in the midst of a mixed hardwood conifer forest; it is a huge tree by jack pine standards. We speculate that the seed was deposited there by way of the intestinal tract of a migrating bird.	
1/20/1955 (cont)	Forests, Wood (cont)	¶ Wisconsin has had 25 million trees available for planting in spring, and two developments have spurred the demand for forest planting stock. Buying up worn-out sand farms to be planted to trees has become a popular enterprise, and the extensive use of tree-planted machines has greatly increased the number of trees people can plant in any given season. Water-shed developments are calling for an increased number of trees. ¶ It is not possible to immediately adjust to the current tree planting demands, as it takes from 3-4 years to produce the kind of trees most wanted now by the tree planters. Insects and disease continue to be a problem in spite of closely-controlled conditions. The conservation department plans to increase its tree production by 50% in the next 5 years. Wisconsin now produces more transplants than any other state, and has the highest tree production of any state in the area."	¶ There is another small stand of jack pine in the area worthy of comment. It is located in Chelsea. An examination of the site shows it is along the former Soo Line railroad tracks and railroad yards in Chelsea. I think the seed was inadvertently transported there by railroad rolling stock, although the trees may have been planted.	
1/20/1955	Health	TB PICTURE NOT TOO BRIGHT "Wisconsin's TB record - the above map lists the number of patients from each county who were hospitalized during 1953 in Wisconsin's 22 tuberculosis sanitoriums. The total for the state was 3,471. In 1953, there were 1,432 newly-reported TB cases. While the state's TB death rate has dropped considerably during the past decades - last year's 6.1 per 100,000 population is lowest in history - the number of newly-reported cases remains high. Tax-supported units and volunteer TB associations financed by Christmas seals carry on a continuous program to find the unknown cases, and, by bringing them under sanitorium care, to halt the spread of infection to others. ¶ Taylor County had two newly-reported cases of tuberculosis in 1953, and 10 patients hospitalized from TB sanitoriums in the state..."		
1/27/1955	People	INSURANCE FIRM ELECTS "Ed Blasel, Stetsonville, and Theo Schwoch, Route 1, Rib Lake, were re-elected to the board of directors at the annual meeting of approximately 200 policy-holders of the Little Black Mutual Insurance Company at the COF hall in Stetsonville recently. ¶ At a director's meeting later, all officers were re-elected. They are President Blasel, Vice President Schwoch, and Fred Tauchen, Secretary-Treasurer. Other directors are Frank Persteiner, Clarence Goessl, William Robida, and Edwin Ahlers, the latter two also renamed as the company's agents."	"Little Black" gets its interesting name from the Little Black River, which joins the Black River just south of Medford.	

1/27/1955	Fire & Law	FARMER HELD NOT GUILTY ON FIRE CHARGES "A 6-man jury in justice court here last Saturday took only about 15 minutes to find for the defendant in the suit brought by the state conservation department against Henry Gebauer, Sr., Whittlesey, Chairman of the Town of Greenwood. ¶ The suit was brought under the state law holding a property owner liable for the costs of suppressing a fire which gets out of control through his negligence. ¶ The state sought to collect some \$83 from Gebauer, alleging it was the cost of halting a fire on his property on May 19, 1953. The defendant denied responsibility and was supported by several neighbors. ¶ Justice Frank Yanko presided, and the jurors were John Eckhoff, Ray Becker, Henry Rosenfeldt, Wayne Bullis, Ted Dietzler, and Emil Miller, Sr. District Forester Ray Scott represented the state, and Attorney Oscar Rademacher represented the defendant, Marshal Herb Curran was bailiff.	Gebauer's address was "Whittlesey," since that was the post office from which he got his mail. The Whittlesey Post Office was closed March 1, 1974. ¶ This jury trial took place in the village.	
1/27/1955 (cont)	Fire & Law (cont)	¶ Plaintiff's witnesses included Erwin Zuege and Peter Hermans, tower-men for the state at the Rib Lake and Wilderness towers, respectively; Cy Claussen, County Surveyor; John Borkenhagen, Park Falls, District Fire Ranger; Howard Burquist, Ranger at Prentice, and Max Wagoner, also conservation department employee. ¶ Defense witnesses were the defendant, Art Freiboth, Ben Krause, Paul Stibbe, Herb Steinman, and Charlie McCluskey. ¶ The testimony brought out that Gebauer secured a fire permit, good for 5 days, on May 9. On May 14, the tower-men saw smoke, which they located as being on his land, but nothing was done since the permit still was effective. ¶ The state claimed that the fire was not controlled properly, and that it came to life and forced the eventual suppression effort on May 19. ¶ The defense contended there was no apparent fire during the intervening period, and that if there was a smoldering fire, and later outbreak, it was not the fault of the defendant."		
1/27/1955	Rib Lake - Village	BOARD VOTES NEW CHARGE ON WATER HOOK-UP LAGGERS "Members of the village board voted Tuesday night to put some pressure behind their effort to have all houses in the village connected with the village water and sewer system. ¶ When Mrs. Elsa Juse, clerk, reported there are about 2 dozen establishments which have not hooked up as of yet, the trustees voted to start sending "ready-to-serve charge" bills to the owners. The first for \$10.50, will cover the first quarter of this year - and will go out April 1. ¶ It was pointed out that the village ordinance requiring the hook-up provides for a penalty of from \$10-\$25 for failure to comply, with each 10 days of non-compliance considered as a separate offense. Hence, the \$10.50 ready-to-serve charge was deemed not to be out of line.		
1/27/1955 (Cont)	Rib Lake - Village (cont)	¶ The board voted to drop, at least for the time being, a proposal to buy additional property to increase the size of the village dump on the Harper Lake Road. Instead, the dump eventually will be closed, and all dumping done on the village property on the southwest corner of the lake. There is swampy land there which will accommodate dumping for many years to come, it was said, and with the judicious use of earth and other filling, will help to form a dike, which will tend to hold the water in the lake at a higher level. ¶ The board approved a salary increase of from \$260 a month to \$285 for Wesley Stiel, maintenance man; and from \$250 to \$260 for his assistant, George Thums, Jr...."		
2/10/1955	Obituary	JOE SCHNECK, 84, BURIED YESTERDAY "Services were held from the Taylor Funeral Home, and at St. John the Baptist Church, for Joseph Schneck, 84, a retired farmer and resident of the community for more than 50 years. ¶ The Rev. Robert Stock officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Emil Dietzler, Frank Knorn, John Malewicz, Peter Bogumill, Joe Pertmer and Fred Niggemann. ¶ Mr. Schneck died early Sunday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital at Marshfield....¶ He was born in Bohemia Dec. 19, 1870, and was married to Barbara Treml there January 31, 1898. They came to this country a short time later, and to Rib Lake in October of 1900. He had worked in his younger days at the tannery, and also farmed southwest of the village on the farm now occupied by Art Kelnhofer. He had been retired and lived in the village on Railroad Street for many years. He belonged to St. John the Baptist Church and the Holy Name Society.		
2/10/1955 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Surviving are the widow, three daughters, Misses Josephine and Barbara, at home; and Teresa, Mrs. Otto Schulte, Milwaukee; and one granddaughter."		
2/10/1955	Harper Lake & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	FISH SHELTERS SET FOR HARPER LAKE "Plans for the construction of several brush shelters in North Harper Lake, which will be done on a cooperative basis by the state conservation department and the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association, are outlined in a letter received this week by President Pete Fyalkowski, from Wallace E. Niemuth, biologist at the area headquarters at Spooner. ¶ The state recommended the construction of the shelters for the protection of small fish in the lake, after making a series of net hauls and surveying it last summer. ¶ Peanuts Olson and George Seidel are members of the Association committee in charge, and the plan is to hold a "bee" of members in the near future to prepare the materials and actually construct the shelters and set them in place...¶ Each shelter will require from 3-5 large stumps and rocks and weights with which to sink them.		

2/10/1955 (cont)	Harper Lake & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. (cont)	¶ Small aspen and hardwood trees, at least 5-6 inches in diameter, are needed for the crib-type shelters. The trees are cut into 12- and 8-foot lengths, and brush and tree-tops are placed inside. Weights or rocks to sink these and hold them down are also necessary. About 45-50 poles are needed for each crib shelter. ¶ Niemuth suggested that the club or its committee locate the needed supplies and make arrangements to have them near the lake, so that the work can be done with the greatest dispatch. ¶ The shelter project is part of a 2-way program suggested by the conservation department for the improvement of fishing on the Harper Lakes. The other phase was the planting of some 6,000 walleye-pike fingerlings in South Harper last fall, which is expected to help materially the reduction of its stunted bluegill population."		
2/10/1955	Rib Lake - Village & Environment	WORK-BEE SET FOR WEEKEND "Plans for a work-bee on the Rib Lake dam to be held Saturday were to be made by the general dam committee at a meeting last night in the village hall. ¶ A bulldozer came from Medford on Monday and opened up the road between the former Schnell place to the dam. The road was made fairly smooth, and the intervening time will allow it to freeze over and create a solid surface for the trucks, which will be used to haul fill into the dam site and dikes. ¶ Previous filling has left the dam and dikes in fair shape, but there still is one bad spot, west of the dam site proper, where the water is coming through. An effort will be made to correct this aperture, in the hope that the work done this winter will keep the water level up again next year."		
2/17/1955	Gustafson & Companies & Ole A. Peterson	POSSIBLY ABOUT YOU! "Mrs. Ole Peterson, Phillips, met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Nettie Dodge, while Mr. Peterson attended a fiber mill meeting held at the Gustafson Lumber Company. Harry Gustafson, Phillips, also came down for the meeting."		
2/17/1955	Forests, School	SCHOOL ACQUIRES FOREST PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY "Transfer of a 200-acre tract of county-owned land in the Town of Rib Lake to Joint School District #1 for use as a school forest, was approved Tuesday by the county board's committee on forestry. ¶ The action came as the climax to an effort carried on by the school board for nearly 10 years to acquire ownership of the property, which it had been using in the interim for school forestry purposes. ¶ The property lies at the northwest intersection of the Harper Lake Road and the shortcut road to Westboro, and contains five 40-acre tracts. ¶ The school started to use the property as a school project, in about 1946 or 47, and during that time had planted 8,000-10,000 trees there. The board had sought to gain ownership of it, but until Tuesday, had been unable to reach an agreement with the county. ¶ Under the agreement, the school will receive title to the property, upon payment to the county of the equity which the county has in it. It has been county-owned under the forest crop law. The school cannot transfer or sell any of the property without giving the county first change to re-acquire it.	I believe there are a number of important steps that could be done to improve the utilization of the Rib Lake School Forest as a school forest: 1) have the students conduct an inventory of the site. 2) review and revise the management plan.	
2/17/1955 (cont)	Forests, School (cont)	PROPERTY NEEDS THINNING "Any receipts for sale of timber on the property will go to the school under the new set-up, according to Principal Robert C. Becker, and some logging to thin out the tract is expected to be done within the next year. ¶ The school will use the tract as a means of integrating the study of conservation into classes and for all students, rather than merely the agriculture and science classes, Becker said. Sample plots will be laid out, and through various experiments in this outdoor laboratory, the students will learn good forestry practices and management, stream improvements, soil conservation and other important conservation lessons.		
2/17/1955 (cont)	Forests, School (cont)	GROUP VISITS SITE "Fred Vlach, Chairman of the Town of Rib Lake, is chairman of the county forestry committee. Others who met with the committee Tuesday were Joe Tuss, County Agent; the school board members: George Tlusty, Elmer Taylor and Walter Freiberg; Principal Becker and Keith Zintz; Milton Reinke of Eau Claire, District Forester; and Frank B. Trenk of Madison, State Extension Forester. The meeting was preceded by a "snowshoe survey" of the tract by the group."		
2/17/1955	Obituary	CARL HEDEEN IS BURIED "Funeral services were held in the First Lutheran Church, Ogema, Saturday afternoon for Carl Hedeem, 92, pioneer resident of the community, who died at his home shortly before noon on Wednesday. Burial was in the Ogema cemetery. ¶ A native of Sweden, where he was born May 22, 1862, Mr. Hedeem came to the Ogema area in 1884, and had lived there since. In the early days, he was a logger and operated a sawmill, and also was a timber cruiser and surveyor. He never married. He was one of the founders of the Lutheran Church at Ogema. ¶ Survivors include three nephews, Ernest, Carl and Folke Hedeem, all of Ogema, and several nieces and nephews in Sweden."	This family gave its name to Hedeem Road, a/k/a "Hedin" Road. ¶ Other sources spell the family name Hedin. See 4/28/1955 "Former State Senator E.A. Hedin."	
2/24/1955	Obituary	CHARLES KANGAS BURIED "Charles Kangas, 66, a resident of the Finnish community southeast of Ogema for many years, died Tuesday at the Prentice nursing home after an illness of about 3 years. ¶ Funeral services will be held from the Ernest Saari residence in the Finnish community at 1:30 p.m. Friday, and at St. Mark's National Lutheran Church, of which he was a member, at 2:00 p.m., with the Rev. C.F. Luedtke, Whittlesey, officiating. ¶ Mr. Kangas was born in Finland Nov. 2, 1888, and came to this country in 1900. He had lived here, or in Minnesota, since 1907, having been employed as a woodsman in both places. He was unmarried. ¶ Surviving are three brothers, Ernest, Simon and Richard Kangas, all of Ogema, and four sisters, Mrs. Lester Saari, and Mrs. Lena Nikilla (sic), Ogema; Mrs. Olag Sirvina, Chisholm, Minnesota; and Mrs. Sigrid Hendrickson, Giles."		

2/24/1955	Environment & Rib Lake - Village	PROGRESS AT DAM "Good progress in filling up the worst places on the dikes of the Rib Lake dam was made last Saturday, before rainy weather Sunday halted the weekend work-bee. ¶ The loader and trucks from Medford were kept here, however, and several volunteers were at the scene on Wednesday to continue the operations. ¶ Whether another work-bee would be held next weekend could not be learned for certain, but it was thought probable that sufficient work could be done with a few steady men through the week to obviate the necessity for a larger volunteer crew for the weekend. ¶ Ladies of the Twentieth Century Club braved the elements and served lunch to the volunteers at the site on Saturday."		
2/24/1955	Rib Lake - Village & Environment	FLATS ARE FILLED IN "Approximately 260 loads, or more than 1000 yards, of fill were dumped into the high school flats during two days of work by the Mueller Brothers equipment from Medford last week. ¶ The fill was dug from the village-owned property near the intersection of old Highway 102 and the new highway, and hauled to the flats in trucks. ¶ It will be leveled off when weather conditions permit, and an additional 50 loads or so of clay will be secured to cover the infield. It is thought the field will be ready for the spring outdoor athletic program of the high school, and, barring unforeseen developments, should be in condition for regular league baseball this summer."	The flats are, of course, the athletic field south of Fayette Ave. and east of the tannery creek.	
2/24/1955	Agriculture	DRIVE IS PLANNED ON BRUCELLOSIS IN TAYLOR COUNTY "Preliminary plans towards an all-out campaign to rid Taylor County dairy herds of brucellosis was approved by the county agriculture committee in Medford recently. ¶ Educational meetings will be held in each township in the county as soon as approval of the program is received from the livestock sanitation division at Madison. ¶ Following the meeting, petitions will be circulated by farmers in each township. Signatures from 75% of the farmers are necessary to petition the State Department of Agriculture for an all-out cleanup program under the so-called "Plan A." ¶ To date, 35 counties have petitioned, or are in the process of petitioning, the state for the complete brucellosis eradication program. In this county, 75.9% of the farmers are operating under Plan A, and the remainder under Plan B.		
2/24/1955 (cont)	Agriculture (cont)	¶ Under the present regulations, Plan B farmers are not eligible for indemnity payments for diseased cattle. Under the proposed county-wide eradication program, Plan B farmers would be eligible for indemnity payments of \$25 from the federal government, \$25 from the state for grade reactor animals, while those owning purebred reactors would receive \$50, from both the state and federal government. ¶ The county-wide program will be held this spring, or possibly early next fall, depending upon the wishes of the farmers, and the availability of veterinarians. ¶ County Agent Joe Tuss predicts that eventually brucellosis will be reduced to a minimum, as tuberculosis was, through the eradication program, and the continued practice of vaccination of dairy cattle."		
3/3/1955	People	STANLEY GUT, 70, FOUND STRANGLER "Funeral services were to be held at the Resurrection Cemetery in Chicago Friday morning for Stanley Gut, 70, whose body was found Monday morning in the garage at his farm home on CTH C near the Rib River bridge. Coroner David Ruesch, who came with Sheriff Marlin Curran, to investigate, said death was due to strangulation by a rope. Members of the family believe death was accidental, as there was no motive for suicide, and he had been in good spirits. He and Mrs. Gut had planned to drive to Rib Lake, and she found him when he did not return from the garage, where he had planned to warm up the car. ¶ The rope was in the nature of a sling, and it was thought he may have fallen against it after sustaining an attack, and that the weight of the fall may have twisted the rope. ¶ He was born in Poland Nov. 29, 1884, and came to this country when he was a young man. He worked in Chicago, where he was married to Anna Luska in 1912, as a cook. He came to this community about 5 years ago.		
3/3/1955 (cont)	People (cont)	¶ Surviving are the widow, five daughters, Bernice, Jean, Mary, Frances, and Josephine; a son, Edwin; two brothers, Michael and Jacob; a sister, Polly; and 13 grandchildren. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Church here."		
3/3/1955	War - Soldiers & Health	MEN IN SERVICE "Pfc. Eugene A. Wudi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Wudi, Jr., Route 1, is one of nearly 5,000 soldiers specially selected to observe the 1955 atomic tests in Nevada. ¶ Wudi participated in exercise Desert Rock VI and witnessed an atomic explosion from a trench about 4,000 yards away. The exercise is the Army's part of Operation Teapot, a series of atomic tests being held this spring..."	At this time, the United States was still conducting above ground atomic bomb explosions.	
3/3/1955	Agriculture	BIG ATTENDANCE MARKS BREEDERS ANNUAL MEETING "More than 15,900 cows owned by some 1,404 members of the Badger Breeders Cooperative in Taylor County, were inseminated during the past years, reports at the annual Taylor-Clark County district meeting at the Westboro High School gymnasium last Saturday, revealed. ¶ The county membership included 102 new members accepted during the year. ¶ Regis Niggemann, Route 1, Westboro, presided, and Ernest Kohn, Westboro, served as secretary. ¶ Several farmers from this area were among the delegates or alternatives named at the annual meeting to be held in Shawano on March 31. They include Kohn and Niggemann; Melvin Neumueller, Town of Chelsea; Herman Kopper, Town of Greenwood; Ken Hein, Rib Lake; John Mayer, Jr., Chelsea; Fred Hengst, Rib Lake; and Sam Scott, Chelsea."		

3/3/1955	Businesses	HIWAY C GROCERY "Thank you, friends! Having sold our store, the Hiway C Grocery, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frombach, Jr., we wish to take this opportunity to thank our many neighbors and friends for the fine patronage accorded us during our operation of the store. We hope you will continue to give the new owners your patronage. Again, many thanks! Signed Mr. and Mrs. Ross A. LaRue, and Guernsey Ellinger."	This was a paid advertisement. The grocery stood across the street from St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 2 East.	
3/3/1955	Businesses	FOR SALE! "Home-smoked hams, bacon; smoked, dried, sliced beef; home-made, very lean, pork sausage, patties, links or country-style. Also beef and pork by quarters or halves, or 75-100 pounds of assorted cuts at almost wholesale prices. We do complete, or partial, processing, for locker or home freezers. Cutting meat - 1-1/2 cents per pound; grinding meat - 2 cents a pound, etc. Signed Bogumill Locker, Phone 70, Rib Lake, Wis."		
3/3/1955	Businesses	FULLY SHARPENED SAWS CUT FASTER, CLEANER, EASIER "You'll save time and effort when your saws have been sharpened on our precision machine. All teeth are made uniform and accurate...just like new. You'll be pleased with our speedy service and with your easy-cutting saw. Signed Harry B. Olson, Rib Lake, Wis."	Harry Olson operated his saw sharpening business out of his home until about 1995. His home was just north of the funeral home on West Street.	
3/10/1955	People	CHARLIE HOUSE WINS "Local artist, Charlie House, Town of Greenwood, won a first place at the 11th Central Regional Rural Art Show held at Neillsville last Saturday. His prize oil painting titled "Making a Place," will be entered at the annual Madison state show in May. ¶ This is Artist House's second time at leading the Regional Rural Art exhibits, having placed first at the show held at Medford last year with an oil painting, "The Big Must and the Little If." His wife, Pearl House, also had a picture entered in the Neillsville show. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. House and the Robert Klemms were among those attending the one-day workshop held last Sunday in connection with the Neillsville show."		
3/10/1955	Obituary	MRS. J. PACOUREK EXPIRES SUDDENLY "Mrs. Marie Pacourek, 96, a resident of the community for the past 40 years, died early Wednesday morning at the Medford Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday from the Taylor Funeral Home, and at 9:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church. The Rev. Stock will officiate, and burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery. There will be a rosary service at the funeral home at 8:30 p.m. Friday. ¶ Mrs. Pacourek was born in Bohemia Sept. 8, 1858, and came to the United States with her husband, Joseph, in 1879. They lived in Chicago, then in Manitowoc, Milwaukee and Milladore, before coming to Rib Lake in 1915. They lived on the Muddy Rib Lake Road, where they did light farming. Mr. Pacourek was well-known as a musician and sleight-of-hand performer. He died Nov. 11, 1927. ¶ Mrs. Pacourek had lived in the village with her son, Otto, for several years.		
3/10/1955 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Surviving are six daughters, Della, Mrs. Chester Hoey, South Beloit; Anna, Mrs. Henry Kuepfer, Beloit; Marie, Mrs. Peter Vieau, Chippewa Falls; Libby, Mrs. Jack Roth, Milwaukee; Bessie, Mrs. Harold Kennedy, Rib Lake; and Ione, Mrs. Leonard Lova, Chicago; three sons, Otto and Joseph, Rib Lake; and Frank, Green Bay."		
3/10/1955	Politics	KAPITZ IN MADISON "Millard Kapitz, Village Supervisor and Chairman of the Taylor County Board, was in Madison last Saturday to attend a conference of the Wisconsin County Boards Association Members. The group met to discuss the proposed 610-member state traffic patrol, proposed increase of the gas tax from 4 to 6 cents, and boosting the drivers license fees from 50 cents to \$1, with renewal every 2, rather than 4, years...."		
3/10/1955	Post Office	WRECK DELAYS THE MAIL "Wednesday morning mailed failed to arrive in the village until after 2:30 p. m., as the north-bound Soo Line trail was derailed early in the morning near Waukesha."	The southern terminus of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railroad (Soo Line) was Chicago.	
3/10/1955	People & Schools	KAMMHOLZ IS CONFIRMED "T.C. Kammholz, who attended Rib Lake schools and is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. F. Kammholz of Fond du Lac, formerly of Rib Lake, was confirmed Tuesday by the Senate, following his appointment by President Eisenhower as Chief Counsel for the National Labor Relations Board. He has been a practicing attorney in Chicago."	I intend to recommend to Ray Parks and his committee that they consider T.C. Kammholz as an inductee to the Rib Lake Education Hall of Fame. See 6/25/1955: "Ted Dammholz.. [is]..probably RLHS's most illustrious alumnus..."	
3/10/1955	Westboro & Clubs/Orders	ST. PATRICK'S MASQUERADE "A committee of the Westboro Conservation and Recreational Association is making plans for a St. Patrick's Day masquerade ball, to be held in the community hall next Thursday evening, with Adolph Walback providing the music. Stanley Gabrielsen, Chairman, reports there will be prizes for costumes and door prizes, as well as many other interesting features. Gabrielsen is assisted by Ed Koontz, Arvid Peterson, Herman Grittner, and Romane Pipkorn."		

3/10/1955	Politics & Rib Lake - Village	MARCH 18 LISTED AS DEADLINE FOR ELECTION PAPERS "March 18 will be the final day for filing nominations for village offices to be filled at the spring election on April 5, according to Mrs. Elsa Juse, clerk-treasurer. Eight posts will be filled at the election, all for terms of two years. ¶ They are village president, to succeed Leon W. Olsen; supervisor, to succeed Millard M. Kapitz; three trustees, to succeed Ray Becker, Fred Niggemann and Art Schultz; clerk-treasurer, to succeed Mrs. Juse; assessor, to succeed Henry Rosenfeldt; and Justice of the Peace, to succeed Frank Yanko. ¶ Nominations papers must carry signatures amounting to not less than 3% nor more than 8% of the votes cast for the governor in the village in the last election. The total vote was 282 - hence the papers for each candidate must have not less than 8 and not more than 28 signatures, for each post. ¶ The papers may be filed up to 5:00, the close of the regular business hours, on March 18, Mrs. Elsa Juse said."		
3/10/1955	Greenwood & Businesses	FROM OUR FILES "It seems like yesterday: forty years ago - from the Herald, March 12, 1915. ¶ A.H. Kraus will start sawing lumber at his mill in Greenwood next Monday."	Most editions of the Herald had a column like this. Sometimes they looked back 40 years, sometimes 30, and sometimes 10. Other editions covered all three periods of time. ¶ The A.H. Kraus sawmill stood 100 feet north of CTH M and directly northwest of the present Rib River Bar & Grill. A large concrete abutment, which once held the saw, still stands there in 2009. I visited the site with Daniel McCluskey just a week ago. The site, SW-SE, 28-T32-R3E, in 2009, is owned by Robert and Lori Edelburg.	
3/10/1955	Businesses	PLANNING ON WIRING THIS SPRING? "Make your date now with Johnnie. For expert industrial or home wiring, or other needed electrical work, stop in or phone - Johnnie's Bar, next to theatre, phone 17, Rib Lake, Wis. Signed John Dolezalek, Proprietor."	John Dolezalek, Sr., had, for many years, operated the National Hotel, with his wife Phyllis. In the recent past, he had rented the bar within the brick building housing the New Lake Theatre, in the northeast corner of Landall and McComb. ¶ Note this advertisement refers to Johnnie Dolezalek, Sr. Johnnie, Jr., is very much alive and well, and continues to live in the village with his wife, Rachel.	
3/10/1955	Law & Rib Lake - Village	HOUSES FOR SALE! This is public notice that the Taylor County Welfare Dept. is offering two houses for sale in the Village of Rib Lake. ¶ They are: 1) the house and lot of August Buchal, deceased. (Lot 9 of Block 7, original plat, Village of Rib Lake.) ¶ 2) House and lot of John Novak, deceased. (Lot 7, Block H, McComb's Racing Park Addition, Village of Rib Lake.) ¶ Anyone interested in either of these properties should contact: Miss Harriet Perkins, Director of Public Welfare, Courthouse, Medford, Wis."	A Rib Lake native, Harriet Perkins was the director of the public welfare department. Its offices shared space with the District Attorney and Circuit Court Judge, and law library, on the third floor of the Taylor County Courthouse. ¶ The welfare department had extended old-age assistance to August Buchal and John Novak. As a condition for receiving this assistance, both signed papers granting the county a lien against their real estate. Upon their death, the county foreclosed its lien and became the owner of the decedent's real estate. The county recouped its costs by selling the land. ¶ This form of welfare was done away with about 1980. The new welfare system declared a landowner ineligible for aid until the landowner's assets had been spent down to a certain level. That requirement has induced some to transfer their real estate into the names of children, or other individuals, to make them eligible for assistance.	
3/10/1955 (cont)	Law & Rib Lake - Village (cont)		¶ Another portion of the Herald contained a notice of hearing on the application to sell the real estate of John Novak. "The application of Harriet Perkins, administratrix of the estate of John Novak, deceased, late of the Village of Rib Lake, in said county, to sell all of the real estate belonging to said estate... for the payment of the debts, of said decedent, and expenses of administration" will be heard March 29, 1955. Signed E.J. Neuenschwander, Judge.	

3/17/1955	Clubs/Orders	LEGION POST ABOVE ALL-TIME RECORD IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE "Sparked by Peter Bogumill, service officer and membership committee chairman, Lehman-Clendenning Post this week successfully completed a membership drive as its part in the celebration of the 36th birthday of the American Legion. ¶ When the drive was completed Tuesday night, the post's total membership was 162 - exactly 5 more than the banner membership of last year, Commander Millard Kapitz and Adjutant John Eckhoff announced. ¶ Commander Kapitz pointed out that it was 36 years ago on March 15 that Veterans of the American Expeditionary Forces met in Paris and laid the groundwork for the formation of the Legion. The conference lasted three days, closing 36 years ago today - March 17. ¶ There are now some 17,200 legion posts, and nearly 2,500,000 members coming from ranks of Veterans of the First and Second World Wars, and the Korean Campaigns. ¶ Other officers of the post include Cliff Waldhalt, First Vice Commander; Floyd R. Nehls, Chaplain; Frank Bailey, Historian; and Lee Waldhart and Chuck Stiel, Sergeants-at-Arms."		
3/17/1955	Obituary & Greenwood	GEORGE BARTELT BURIED "Funeral services were held in St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Town of Greenwood for George Bartelt, 56, a long-time resident of the Whittlesey area, who died late last week of a heart ailment in Milwaukee, where he was employed. ¶ The Rev. C.J. Kionka officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery. ¶ Mr. Bartelt was born in Milwaukee on Aug. 13, 1898, and was married to Bertha Klein in the Town of Greenwood Aug. 17, 1921. He operated a farm in Greenwood, but since 1950, had been employed in Milwaukee by the Continental Can Company. ¶ Surviving are the wife, two daughters, Mrs. John Klimmeck, Medford; and Darlene, Town of Greenwood; five sons, Melvin and Harold, Milwaukee; Donald, Town of Greenwood; Bernard, Oconomowoc; and Pfc. Kenneth, Las Vegas, Nevada; and 10 grandchildren."		
3/17/1955	Spirit Lake	SPIRIT LAKE DAM REINFORCED "Reinforcement of the Spirit Lake dam, which is expected to prevent further wash-outs along the end, was completed by the Mueller Brothers equipment from Medford last week. ¶ The equipment, which has been in use on a filling project adjacent to Mielke's Spirit Lake tavern, was sent to the nearby dam site, and a drag line was used to scoop out material from below the dam and transported to the dam site for the reinforcement. ¶ Whether a fish ladder will have to be constructed to enable the fish to get back into the lake after going downstream in the spring, will be studied, but some nearby residents thought that the change in the flow effected by the reinforcement might make it suitable for the fish to get back into the lake. ¶ The work at Mielkes is designed to convert a swampy area into a solid area for a boat dock and fishermen's parking lot, has been halted, pending a settling of the fill, which has been set in place thus far."	Mielke's Tavern, the old Spirit Lake Hotel, stood in the NW 1/4 - SE 1/5, Section 5, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. In 2009, it's the location of the public boat landing on Little Spirit Lake.	
3/17/1955	Environment & Rib Lake - Village	DAM SPILLWAY SITE IS CHOSEN "Materials have been hauled to the site, and only nice weather is awaited, to construct the spillway on the Rib Lake dam, according to Elmer Taylor, chairman of the general dam committee. ¶ The committee visited the site a couple of weeks ago, and shows the location of the spillway, which will allow for the proper drainage of the lake into the Rib River and prevent disastrous wash-outs of the dam or dikes, Taylor said. ¶ The committee also plans to plant willows along the dikes as soon as weather permits, in the hope that the roots will tend to strengthen the bulwarks permanently."	At the time, a small wood dam was maintained on the outlet of Rib Lake.	
3/24/1955	Health	SAUK VACCINES FOR COUNTY CHILDREN? "First-and second-grade children of all schools in the county will have an opportunity to take the Sauk vaccine treatment against polio this spring, in case the vaccine is licensed by the United States Public Health Service, Miss Esther Wilson, county nurse, has notified school officials and parents. When licensed, the vaccine will be made available by manufacturers to physicians for purchase. Children not in the designated grades or schools, or others wishing to receive it, may obtain it through the family physician. ¶ The vaccine will be given to the first-and second-grade children only upon written request of the parent, and slips for the request are being included in the letter outlining the program to the parents."	The vaccine was licensed and vaccinations began. The Sauk vaccine began with live polio viruses, which were then killed. A bad batch of the vaccine actually gave polio to children, since the virus had not been killed. After that terrible false start, the vaccine was administered to millions. A few years later, an alternative vaccine, never involving live viruses, was introduced. ¶ Polio was one of the most feared diseases ever. It struck without warning, and apparently, without any rhyme or reason. It might produce a minor complication, or, alternatively, cause death. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was unable to walk because of contracting polio as a 30-year-old.	

3/24/1955	Politics & Rib Lake - Village	OLSEN WITHDRAWS FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENCY RACE "The village election situation was thrown into a tizzy on Wednesday when Leon W. Olsen, president, withdrew his previously-filed nomination papers as a candidate for re-election on April 5. ¶ Olsen's withdrawal apparently will result in the name of Eugene R. Clifford, Herald publisher, who filed his nomination papers last week, being the only one on the ballot for the office of president. ¶ Mr. Olsen told Mrs. Elsa Juse, village clerk-treasurer, that he had decided not to be a candidate, and requested his nomination papers, which were given him. ¶ Consulted by the clerk, Clifford Curran, village attorney, said that the withdrawal was legal, but that it should be submitted in writing, not later than Friday of this week, which would be within a week after the deadline for filing of the nomination papers, as provided by statute...	The March 31 edition of the Herald's headline read: "Olsen gets back in race for village president after special board session." The article went on: "Leon W. Olsen, village president, again became a candidate for re-election when the village board of trustees, in a special meeting last Friday, agreed to his demands for an increase in compensation to the post...	
3/24/1955 (cont)	Politics & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	¶ Ray Becker and Arthur J. Schultz, incumbent of the trustees, will be candidates for re-election. The other candidates for the three trustee posts are Bernard Cihasky, Wayne Bullis, John Schreiner and Peter Bogumill. Fred Niggemann, incumbent trustee, did not file papers for re-election."	¶ The motion was "that there be a change in the pay, as far as the president is concerned, after the election." It was seconded by Trustee Fred Niggemann, not a candidate for re-election. ¶ Board members said, unofficially, the increase probably will be granted in the form of an expense allowance, or daily pay for time devoted to village business. Whether the trustees will raise their own compensation during the period also, was not made clear, as no mention of it was made in the motion..."	
3/31/1955	Greenwood & Schools	GREENWOOD OKAYS LOAN FOR SCHOOLS "Voters of the Town of Greenwood, at a special meeting of the school district #3 in the Town Hall Monday night, formally approved the borrowing of nearly \$40,000 from the state trust fund to construct a new school building and improve another. The proposals had been approved previously, but the special meeting was necessary to approve the formal resolutions required by the state to secure the money. ¶ The general plan is to build a new 3-room school, probably on Highway M, someplace near Highway C intersection, and abandon the Green Grove, Green Meadow and Buddy one-room buildings. The school to be improved is Highland, near the Greenwood Catholic Church. ¶ The resolutions call for loans of \$800 to purchase land for the new building, \$7,500 for repairs to Highland, and \$31,070 for the new building, the total of which constitutes the district's debt limitations. ¶ No decision was made, but it was suggested that improvements to the Highland building might be delayed, in case the \$31,070 is not sufficient to construct the new building at this time."	The new "Greenwood" elementary school operated from 1957-1982. The building was purchased and remodeled into the home of Ruth and Russell Schilling, W2977 CTH M.	
3/31/1955	Agriculture	FARMERS TO VOTE ON USING COUNTY ROAD MACHINERY "Rural voters in Taylor County will have an opportunity to approve a plan whereby county highway equipment may be used in soil conservation work, at their annual town meeting next Tuesday. ¶ Approval of the resolution to be submitted to all town meetings, would permit the towns to enter into agreements with individuals and with the county, to perform soil conservation work on private lands. It is sponsored by the Taylor County Soil Conservation District Supervisors. ¶ The county board approved a supporting resolution last November, which led to drafting of the resolution and its accompanying agreement by the district attorney. ¶ It was pointed out that approval of the resolution does not mean that county highway equipment will be available on an unlimited basis, but every effort will be made to supply it when needed. Neither will the resolution prevent or limit the use of town equipment for its soil conservation work.		
3/31/1955 (cont)	Agriculture (cont)	¶ K.T. Oelhafen, conservation farm planner in the county, said that soil conservation workers will carry forms and will assist landowners in securing county equipment if the program is approved. Millard Kapitiz, chairman of the county board, is one of the county soil conservation district supervisors."		
4/7/1955	Politics & Rib Lake - Village	HERALD PUBLISHER IS VILLAGE PRESIDENT; SCHREINER ON BOARD "Eugene R. Clifford, publisher of The Herald, was elected village president Tuesday, defeated Leon W. Olsen, incumbent, by 20 votes - 170 to 150. ¶ Ray Becker and Art Schultz, incumbent trustees, were re-elected, and the new trustee named was John Schreiner, who succeeds Fred Niggemann."		
4/7/1955	Law	DRUNKEN DRIVER IS ARRESTED HERE "Andrew Puchinarz, Medford, whose car struck two vehicles in the village before the driver was halted by Marshal Pete Fyalkowski Sunday night, paid for his erratic driving on Monday. ¶ He was fined \$50 and costs on a drunken driving charge when arraigned before Justice Burt Alm at Medford. His drivers license was suspended automatically for a year..."		

4/7/1955	Schools & Education	HIGH PRAISE VOICED FOR RIB LAKE SCHOOL SYSTEM "High praise for the Rib Lake School system was voiced in a letter received this week from the State Department of Public Instruction, following the annual visitation last week. ¶ The letter, addressed to Walter Freiberg, clerk of joint district #1, Village and Town of Rib Lake, Taylor County, and Towns of Hill and Spirit, Price County, follows: ¶ Dear Mr. Freiberg: On March 30, 1955, State Department Supervisors Walter B. Senty and Frank Brown, County Superintendent of Schools Arthur Prochnow, and County Supervising Teacher Agnes Boor, visited your school. ¶ Under the leadership of Robert C. Becker, Supervising Principal, your school is very well-organized and is being administered very efficiently. You have a group of very capable teachers, and the work observed in both the grades and high schools was consistently very good. ¶ There was evidence of very good relationships between the members of the staff and between pupils and teachers.		
4/7/1955 (cont)	Schools & Education (cont)	¶ The students came to class well-prepared and were orderly, industrious and courteous. In fact, the general spirit of the entire school was a credit to the teachers, administrator and board of education. ¶ The following are some additional favorable comments: 1) References made to the physical facilities such as: A) new seating for grade school, B) rewiring and lighting program has been started, C) systematic schedule for decorating classrooms...2) A well-rounded curricula offerings on the secondary level, which, in addition to the academic subject, include agriculture, home economics, industrial arts, commercial, music and physical education. 3) The acquisition of additional lands so that you now have a 200-acre school forest with a house that can be remodeled to be used for conservation and camping purposes....Signed, Cordially yours, G.E. Watson, State Superintendent, by W.B. Senty, Assistant Superintendent.		
4/14/1955	Library	VILLAGE LIBRARY TO BE SCENE OF TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB OPEN HOUSE "The doors of the Rib Lake Public Library will be thrown open hospitably wide to the public next Tuesday evening in a spring open house sponsored by the ladies of the Twentieth Century Club. ¶ Founded Feb. 16, 1900, by those early settlers who cherished the workings of the human mind as well as the human body, today's modern building looms, indeed, beyond their wildest dreams. For the first library building was a 12 x 30 foot "shed" with almost-peephole windows. Yet it stood in dignity and in service on Main Street [McComb Ave.] at the site of the now village hall building, and was patronized until the present library structure was built in 1927. ¶ The abandoned building was hauled to a spot down by the lumber yard and reused as a "pest house" during several epidemics here. After the new section of Highway 102 was completed [in 1951], running right past its door, sentiment for this eyesore was quickly forgotten, and it was removed in March of 1952. It now lists in the backyard of the John Reinhardt home, in the custody of chickens.	In 1955, the library stood in the northwest corner of Landall and Pearl Street. With the closure of Clearview School in 1999, the library was moved there. In 1955, the village hall building stood at 741 McComb Ave. ¶ The location of the "pest house" was on the site of present STH 102 between Pearl and Ella Streets.	
4/14/1955 (cont)	Library (cont)	¶ The new library building can claim the exact reversal of such a sorry fate. It has been vigilantly maintained, and its book collection has grown steadily over the years. The grounds are beautifully planted, and just last summer the building interior was redecorated. ¶ The library board will join with the Twentieth Century Club as hosts for next Tuesday, and a special guest will be Miss Elizabeth Burr, who is with the Wisconsin Free Library Commission, and is youth consultant for all state libraries. The Cub Scouts will display an exhibit of their year's projects. The Twentieth Club has been active in contributing towards the progress of the library since its founding 55 years ago."		
4/21/1955	Politics	MILLARD KAPITZ IS CHAIRMAN AGAIN "Millard Kapitz, supervisor from Rib Lake, was elected chairman of the County Board of Supervisors for the 9th consecutive time, as the board opened its annual spring meeting in the courthouse on Tuesday...¶ Eugene R. Clifford, Rib Lake, Village President, was named to the county civil defense committee..."		
4/21/1955	Highways & Schools	HIGHWAYS IN WORST CONDITION IN YEARS FOLLOWING BREAK-UP "The spring break-up has left rural highways in this area in the worst condition in many years, according to reports from school bus drivers, truckers and farmers in general. ¶ A two-day mud vacation was called for last Thursday and Friday by Rib Lake school authorities, as the bad condition of the highways was making it progressively more difficult for the school buses to cover their regular routes...Westboro students had a 4-day mud vacation, Thursday and Friday of last week, and Monday and Tuesday of this..."	Bear in mind that even county truck highways, like C, were not then asphalted. CTH C, north of STH 102, was asphalted c. 1959.	
4/28/1955	RLLC & Rib Lake - Village	BOARD WANTS OATS CROP RAISED ON OLD LUMBER YARD SITE. "Any farmer looking for about 10 acres on which to plant oats for free? This is the question posed by the village board in an effort to carry through on a clearing program at the old lumber yards. ¶ Bulldozing and leveling of the tract was completed Wednesday, leaving only a small amount of clean-up work - removal of old lumber and ties, which are on the surface. ¶ In an effort to get a sod base built up, the board is willing to allow a farmer to plant the tract in oats, providing he will throw in a little clover to help the sod-building process along. ¶ The village will provide the clover seed and some assistance with its truck in removing the loose ties and timber. The farmer will be expected to furnish the oats and to prepare the area for planting, do the planting, and then get the crop when it is ready to harvest. ¶ The bulldozing of the area was completed after several days' work, and a smaller area across Highway 102 and west of Kennedy Street also is to be leveled off.	The area in question had been a railroad yard intermixed with hundreds of piles of air-drying lumber.	

4/28/1955 (cont)	RLLC & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	¶ Earlier, the equipment from Medford had leveled off the area south of Highway 102 and east of Main Street [McComb Ave.] down to Tannery Creek, and the pine trees which had been growing in the old lumber yard, opposite the memorial log, were transplanted along the highway in that area..."		
4/28/1955	Forests, School	FRANK FILAS, NANCY PACKENHAM, WIN IN HERALD ESSAY CONTESTS "A School Forest, by Frank Filas. ¶ A school forest is a place for trees, flowers, fish and wildlife. It is a place for children and people to become more friendly towards one another. It's a place to learn about trees, wildlife, and fish. It teaches them to plant the trees and to protect and increase wildlife. If people long ago would have thought twice about the trees, and not have burned and cleared them off, we would not have to worry so much about forests today. People know today that a tree planted today will be worth 100 times more in the near future. We plant trees today to be prepared for the future and the future of our children, and of our children's children. Where each tree is cut down, one or more are planted to replace it. Trees build our houses, our farm buildings, heat our homes, and make good windbreaks...."	The first-place essay for junior high students was entitled "What Value - The School Forest" by Nancy Packenham. "The forest and their products are of great economic value to every American. This value increases daily as population grows, new houses and schools must be built. As science discovers new uses for forest products, more are needed. Each day more and more forest products are used.	
4/28/1955 (cont)	Forests, School (cont)	¶ We can improve our school forests, too. First, by making a path through the 210 acres which are the forest. Next, we should thin out the poplar and replant good pine or other trees. We should plant fish in the creek, which runs through the center, so that they will help attract beaver and other wild animals. ¶ We should then learn what to do in case of a forest fire. We should know who to report a fire to, and on which side we should fight it from. If people would always take care of the trees and wild game, we will always live in a wonderful and beautiful land. As my motto goes, "preserve all of our natural resources," that motto pertains to every man, woman and child. Keep this land of ours green and full of wildlife."	More and more persons depend upon the forest industries for their livelihood. ¶ Forests, unlike many natural resoures, are renewable, but only when properly managed. A school forest assures a valuable source of education to us students, because forest conservation is of vital importance to the citizens of today who will be the citizens of tomorrow. ¶ Our school forest can help us to develop an understanding and appreciation of the value and beauty of our forests. They can teach us to understand good forestry practices, using it as an outdoor classroom. It can teach us how a forest can conserve and protect wildlife, soil and water..."	
4/28/1955	Forests, Wood & Businesses	DISTRICT FOREST RANGER GIVES DETAILED REPORT ON CURRENT LOGGING ACTIVITY By John C. Borkenhagen, District Forest Ranger, Park Falls "The cutting of forest products is still going on at a rapid rate. This can be seen if one will take the time to check on the number of trucks that are on our highways moving these forest products to market. It is very possible to see as many as 50 loaded trucks in a drive of a few hours along STH 13 in Ashland and Price County...¶ On these trucks you will see hemlock, spruce, balsam, aspen and white birch being transported to the Kansas City Star Flambeau Paper Division, Park Falls, for use in making paper. Pine and all species of low-grade hardwoods, such as elm, black ash, soft maple, are transported to the National Container Corporation at Tomahawk, where they are made into material for cardboard boxes. ¶ Aspen, cut into 4-foot lengths, is transported to the Wisconsin Wood Products, Phillips, where it is ground, baled and shipped out and made into wallboard, insulation board, binder for plaster, and numerous other uses.	The Borkenhagen article is a nice summary of mills then in operation. It continued naming the following operations: Hicks Lumber Company at Park Falls, purchasing logs and use of lumber sawed for grain doors. It also saws some hardwood ties. A cedar yard is also located on the property. A large amount of tamarack is purchased and delivered to the mines in the vicinity of Hurley, Wisconsin. ¶ Fifield Forest Products has a mill at Fifield and manufactures log into lumber for wholesale distribution.	
4/28/1955 (cont)	Forests, Wood & Businesses (cont)	Veneer logs go to the Northern Hardwoods Veneer at Butternut, and the Penoke Veneer Mill, Mellen. ¶ Logs of all species are transported to the Phillips Flooring and Lumber Company in Phillips, where the better grades are kiln-dried and made into hardwood flooring, and all types of molding. ¶ Hard maple logs are sawed at the Butternut Handle Factory, air-dried, and made into broom handles and dowels that are used for a great many purposes. One of the largest users makes children's garden and lawn furniture, and playground equipment. ¶ The Hause Brothers Mill, at Ogema, purchases logs and saws them into lumber for wholesale distribution..."	¶ At Glidden, the Chippewa Industries, Inc., has a mill leased to Summers and Company, which purchases logs and manufacturers into lumber for wholesale distribution. ¶ "Roddis Plywood Corp. is one of the most up-to-date mills for sawing aspen in the vicinity, and is able to get approximately 100 additional feet of lumber out of each cord purchased than any other mill in the locality. It also kiln-dries the lumber and makes core for veneer stock. It may be that some of the furniture you have in your home has the core that is between the veneer sheets made at this plant in Park Falls..."	
4/28/1955	Fire & Forests, Wood	PIONEERS HAD NO IDEA OF FIRE PROTECTION'S IMPORT By Howard J. Berquist, Forest Ranger, Prentice. "If one were to go back 150 years and see what our great state of Wisconsin looked like, it would have been found that the land area was covered with 85-90% of forest growth, with a small area of swamp land, and the balance open prairie. History tells us that this was created by the burning off of land by the Indians for hunting and their small farming operations. ¶ When the early white settlers started settling under the Homestead Act, where land was granted by the federal government in 160-acre blocks, the only requirement was to build a home on the land and make some pretense of farming and developments. The easiest course to follow was to cut the timber and burn all the trees, including logs, except those needed for building the place to live and any other buildings for keeping of the livestock.	The DNR headquarters for fire control operations continue to be centered, in 2009, in Tomahawk, Wisconsin.	

4/28/1955 (cont)	Fire & Forests, Wood (cont)	¶ The network of roads that we use today was not even dreamed of. ...As logging operations advanced, no concern was given to the protection of our forests from destructive logging or fire. It was still believed that timber supply was inexhaustible and the thought was that people could never log off the timber in Wisconsin....New piles of slap were ripe for fire, and when conditions were ripe, they burned to allow the land agent a better chance to sell the land for farming purposes. By this time, all railroads had a land agent, in the late 1800's, who promoted farming on land on which the timber had been removed, and a fire was one easy way of clearing land. ¶ The big drawback was that many of these fires were so hot that they not only burned the logging debris, but the topsoil as well, leaving no fertility for farming. They also greatly retarded the timber growth.		
		¶ The first state forester was appointed in 1905, and he appointed 300 town fire wardens. By 1911, these men were generally the town chairman, and no state funds or state equipment was available for forest fire suppression work. ¶ This type of suppression had not proved satisfactory, as there was no coordinate effort between the town chairman, the attitude being "let it burn as long as no buildings are in danger." The forests meant nothing, as there was plenty of it left, according to all the estimates the cruisers brought back. ¶ In 1911 and 12, state forest rangers were appointed. A state forest headquarters was started at Trout Lake, about 12 miles northeast of Woodruff. ¶ In 1915, the Supreme Court of Wisconsin found it was unconstitutional to spend money for internal improvements, so along with the highway development, forestry was terminated. This made it necessary for laws to be passed, putting the state into the forest business. This included the protection of our forests from fire.		
		¶ Progress was continued until in 1924 when, by a vote of the people, a referendum was passed authorizing the legislature to assess two-tenths of a mil on general property to be used for forestry purposes only. Prior to 1927, many of the efforts were not very successful, due to lack of funds. Land agents advised new farmers to burn to clear the land. At this time the legislature passed a law assessing one-tenth of a mil forestry tax. In the start, most of the money was used for forest fire protection. As other needs in forestry were found, the money for operation was not enough, and the legislature increased the tax to two-tenths of a mil in 1937 (allowable limit by the constitution). ¶ Districts were organized under the supervision of district rangers, and later were divided into subdivisions, with from 3-5 in each district. ¶ The district operated this way until 1931, when they were divided into areas, with an area supervisor in charge of two or three districts. In 1937, a central headquarters was set up in Tomahawk, and the division chief was moved from Madison to the central headquarters, to be in close touch with field operations.		
		¶ Prevention is one of the programs carried on by the Forest Protection Division, as records show that 97% of the forest fires are man-caused. This prevention program includes such items as this newspaper, where copies go into every home in the rural areas. Programs are conducted in the schools, where films are shown, and talks are given to about 7,000 children each winter. Exhibits are set up at most of the fairs, and floats are used as celebrations to bring to the public the idea that extreme care is to be used with any fire that might escape and become a forest fire. PREVENT FOREST FIRES AND KEEP THE COUNTRY GREEN!"		
4/28/1955	Fire & Forests, Wood	FORMER STATE SENATOR IS BOOSTER FOR FIRE FIGHTERS By E.A. Hedin, Ogema "...I would be negligent if I did not, at this time, say some good words about the men who have been outstanding in fighting fire. I am inclined to be critical about some of our government agencies, but high words of praise for Harrington, Vanderwall, and LeMay, who have done so much in the physical organization of our fire protection program. I also wish to commend men that I know personally who have had charge of the local work throughout the northern counties, and whose loyalty and understanding have made them outstanding in the courageous work that must be done by their departments. There is very little worry in my mind, however, that theoretical conservationists have developed an idea that forestry comes before, and is superior to, fire protection. There are some trends visible in the past and otherwise which inclines me to believe that these forces intend that the control of fire fighting should not be in the men who do the fighting in the area, or anyone close to the fire. I know we have many good men who sit in offices; their knowledge may be wide and they have the interests of the people in	Backfiring is the process of fire fighters actually lighting a fire in front of the fire as part of fire suppression. The small fire set by the fire fighter can be controlled, and it, in turn, burns away the fuel, thus making it easier to extinguish the larger fire.	
4/28/1955 (cont)	Fire & Forests, Wood (cont)	their hearts, but in the case of fire-fighting, I would much prefer the men who know the local conditions, know the land layout, the terrain, and who are ready to make decisions at once that are good and workable, whereas the man in the comfortable chair, 100-200 miles away from the scene of the fire, can never qualify in my mind as being the competent leader that he should be in an emergency. ¶ I recall full well in 1933 when one of the top brass, who incidentally had no fire-fighting experience, stopped the local fire wardens from backfiring. His theory was that backfiring destroyed game. He stopped the backfiring because of his authority, and the fire raged through and became a large one, covering a good part of the northeast part of the Town of Spirit and Knox, whereas, if it had been backfired, as was wanted by the local men, the fire would have been easily controlled..."		

4/28/1955	Forests, County	AG AGENT CITES GROWTH OF COUNTY FOREST PROGRAM By Joe Tuss, Taylor County Agricultural Agent "On November 15, 1933, the Taylor County Board, under the leadership of Chairman P. C. Schmoldt, Chelsea, passed on a resolution which provided for the establishment of forest preserves under the Forest Crop Law. The bulk of these lands entered under the law were tax delinquent holding. The original entry of land consisted of 4,890 acres. ¶ Lands entered from the Rib Lake and Westboro area totaled 3,077 acres. The remaining 1,813 acres were entered from the Towns of Taft, Cleveland and Pershing. The latter were cancelled by the state because these towns withdrew from the fire protection district a few years later. ¶ The county board adopted a county forest ordinance on Nov. 16, 1933. This ordinance provided for a forestry committee to administer the county forest. This gave power and duty to the committee to acquire new lands with approval of the county board of purchases.	By 2009, the Taylor County Forest has grown to just a bit under 18,000 acres. All of the forest is in Rib Lake or Westboro townships; over 90% of the Taylor County Forest is in the Town of Rib Lake - principally the former holdings of the Rib Lake Lumber Company.	
4/28/1955 (cont)	Forests, County (cont)	¶ Other features of the ordinance provided that the committee cooperates with the Wisconsin Conservation Dept. in preparing a budget for forest administration, locate survey lines and corners, administer rules governing recreational activities within its boundaries, improve the forest, regulate disposal of slash, exchange of lands, and appoint an administrator who, at present, is the county agent. ¶ In 1937, the second entry of 1,500 acres was incorporated into the Taylor County Forest. Entries continue until today. The forest now consists of 15,956 acres. The bulk of this land consists of tax-delinquent lands. Some descriptions were purchased for blocking purposes only, for better administration of the lands.	¶ In February, 2009, the Taylor County Forest was expanded by purchasing 20.3 acres of land from the State of Wisconsin Board of Commissioner of Public Lands. This was an undeveloped tract that included most of the shoreline around Kennedy Lake. This wise acquisition protects 1,350 feet of frontage on this unspoiled 16-acre lake.	
4/28/1955 (cont)	Forests, County (cont)	PROGRESS IN PLANTING ¶ A planting program has been conducted on 375 acres. To date, 474,800 trees have been planted by hand. Local hired labor was used. It is noteworthy to mention that in 1939, 33,500 transplants of Norway pine and white spruce were planted in the George Washington Forest Unit located along Highway 13 south of Westboro. Trees were furnished free by the Wisconsin Conservation Department. Twenty men were employed at a total cost of \$518.45. ¶ Timber sales have been run on forest crop lands since 1939. To date, a total of 123 sales have been run. The volume cut from these sales can be visualized in this way. If all logs were 8 feet long and put into one pile, the pile of 8-foot logs and pulp, if stacked 4 feet high, would extend for 6 miles. ¶ This is not a great volume, however, when considered that these lands at one time were tax-delinquent lands, it does reflect what can be accomplished through protection and management. By contrast, in one township, which entered 32 forties in 1932, then withdrawn because of no organized fire protection district, today 31 of these 32 forties are listed as tax-delinquent lands, bringing no revenue to the town.	The land is just one mile west of the village. ¶ This purchase was funded by proceeds from timber sales on the Taylor County Forest, and brought its size up to 17,634.51 acres; 1,054 acres are in the Town of Westboro, and 16,578.07 are in the Town of Rib Lake.	
4/28/1955 (cont)	Forests, County (cont)	NORTHEAST SECTION BENEFITS ¶ Rib Lake and Westboro have benefitted by the forest crop law. The land is still owned by the county. The land has been entered with the state on a contract basis for 50 years, with the understanding that the lands be devoted to growing and management of timber during this period. A revenue of 10 cents per acre per year is paid to the town in which the land is located, and 10 cents per acre per year to the county for development of the forest. One-half of the revenue from the timber sale is paid to the county general fund, and one-half to the state to repay the total of 20 cents per acre per year, as mentioned above. ¶ The entering of tax-delinquent lands under the forest crop law has provided a steady flow of revenue to both the towns and the county. As resources continue to develop through managed forestry practices, even greater benefit will be obtained from these lands. The revenue received from timber sales is being re-invested into these lands by yearly plantings."		
4/28/1955	Clubs/Orders & Forests, Wood & Greenwood	CLUB HAS FINE FORESTRY RECORD [This article begins with a photograph of 2 young men straddling a sign reading GREEN GROVE 4-H CLUB IN COMMUNITY TREE FARM.] "Norman Scheuer and David Price are shown here as they set the sign for the Green Grove 4-H Club Community Tree Farm, after it was dedicated formally in May, 1953. ¶ Editor's Note: The Green Grove 4-H Club in the Town of Greenwood has established an enviable record in the field of practical conservation and reforestation. ¶ Club officials were asked to give us a report on the activities, and the following modest chronological account, compiled from the club's records, is the result. We're happy to publish it in the forest fire prevention issue. ¶ We have planted trees for a good many years to reforest our own wood lots, and for preservation and propagation of wildlife. ¶ In 1952, we planted and transplanted about 4,500 trees and shrubs, the latter for wildlife food and protection.	What an outstanding 4-H program. "Riverside Park" was on the east side of the Big Rib River in Section 28, Town 32 North, Range 3 East, along what is now called River Drive. The Big Rib River is an outstanding water resource. The water quality is so good, it supports a reproducing trout population.	

4/28/1955 (cont)	Clubs/Orders & Forests, Wood & Greenwood (cont)	¶ A neighbor donated a piece of land along the Rib River, and we cleaned it up with the help of our parents and neighbors, buried the trash that the fishermen had left, and started a roadside park in which we built a fireplace. We helped John Marcon, then the game warden, plant fish in the river also. ¶ We made a sign and put it by the river reading "KEEP WISCONSIN GREEN. Put your cigarettes out - put out your campfires. Prevent forest fires - it pays. Green Grove 4-H Club." ¶ Through our work and conservation, we have won a trip to "Trees for Tomorrow." We visited the tree nursery at Trout Lake, and went to the fire prevention station at Tomahawk, where we learned just how fire fighting is done. Next we visited the paper mill at Tomahawk. ¶ We went to the fish hatchery at Woodruff, and at Trout Lake, saw how trees are planted, cared for and how they get the seeds to plant. It was all very educational.... ¶ We continued our work on the riverside park by building picnic tables and outhouses. We planted 500 new willows to make a hedge, and then added decorative trees and flowers to make the area more attractive.		
4/28/1955 (cont)	Clubs/Orders & Forests, Wood & Greenwood (cont)	¶ We built a fireplace and set up another garbage can, cleaned up the grounds and cut the grass. We built two deflectors in the river, which made it narrower and deeper, resulting in cool water, which the fish like. Then we planted willows along the edge of the river to hold soil from washing away and to make shade for the fish.... ¶ We surveyed the 80 and cleared the line, and covered many years' accumulation of rubbish by the river, near a road a mile north of CTH M, on which a parking place was made for fishermen. ¶ Through having our 4-H forest, our viewpoint on conservation has broadened, and we have learned the value of a good forest, well-managed. In the future, we hope to profit by the hard work of today."		
5/5/1955	Schools & Education	26 IN '55 SENIOR CLASS PREPARING FOR GRADUATION "26 students will be graduated from Rib Lake High School at the commencement exercise to be held at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, in the gymnasium. ¶ The Rev. Robert Stock will deliver the invocation, and addresses will be given by the co-valedictorians, Kathryn Kroll and Barbara Taylor; Edward Hass, the salutatorian, and Venita Wagner, honor student. The class history will be read by Donald Stolhammer, another honor student. ¶ "Not merely to exist, but to amount to something in life" is the class motto. The class colors are red and white, and class flower is a red rose. ¶ The graduates are William Barnes, John Borg, Virginia Erdman, Rose Evans, Edward Hass, Doris Hoffman, Dennis Johnson, Kathryn Kroll, Frank Monheim, Jr., Terry Roiger, Grace Schabel, Delores Scheuer, and Mary Jane Schmidtfanz.		
5/5/1955 (cont)	Schools & Education (cont)	¶ Also Rita Schneider, Germore Siroin, Frank Skibbe, Arlene Steen, Donald Stolhammer, Phyllis Sunderlin, Barbara Taylor, Nona Rae Tippelt, Adeline Thums, Shelby Vlach, Venita Wagner, Donald Zuther, and Arlene Thums...."		
5/12/1955	Obituary	MRS. KATE PATRICK EXPIRES SUDDENLY "Mrs. Kate Patrick, 72, a resident of the community for nearly 40 years, and widely-known for her activities in civic and religious circles, died suddenly early Tuesday evening at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. ¶ The former Katherine Laus was born and reared in Oshkosh, and received her schooling there. She was a registered nurse prior to her marriage to the late Walter B. Patrick, about 39 years ago. She had lived in the family home on Pearl Street since coming to Rib Lake. ¶ Mrs. Patrick was active in the Twentieth Century Club, and in February was honored for completion of her 39th year of membership. ¶ She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, and active in various organizations, and had been local chairman of the American Red Cross for many years.		
5/12/1955 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Surviving are three daughters; Irene, Mrs. Harold Gumm, Winter; Catherine, Mrs. John Hager, Appleton; and Annette, Mrs. James Jahnke, Marshfield; two sons, Curtis, who lives west of the Village on Hwy 102; and Seldon, at home; a sister, Clara, Mrs. Ed Waldo, Battle Creek, Michigan; and two brothers; Richard Laus, Oshkosh; and Clark Laus, Syracuse, New York; and 10 grandchildren."		
5/12/1955	Westboro & Obituary	MRS. GEORGE ODAU DIES AT WESTBORO "Funeral services were to be held at 2:00 p.m. today in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church at Westboro for Mrs. George Odau, 65, member of an early Rib Lake family, who died suddenly Monday afternoon of a coronary thrombosis. ¶ The former Amelia Krushat was born in Germany Feb. 12, 1890, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. August Krushat. She came to Rib Lake with her family when still a small child, and was married to George Odau here in August, 1910. They lived in Westboro for the past 14 years. ¶ Surviving are the husband, two daughters, Dorothy, Mrs. Earl Grittner, Westboro; and Anita, Mrs. Darrell Henninger, Chicago; four sons, Arthur and Edwin, both of Oconto Falls; Harold, Westboro; and A/2c Richard Odau, stationed at Topeka, Kansas, with the Army Air Force; two brothers, Emil Krushat, Rib Lake; and Arthur Krushat, 29 Palms, California; a sister, Martha, Mrs. Milton Sherwin, St. Petersburg, California; and 10 grandchildren."		

5/12/1955	People & Rib Lake - Town & Railroad - Wis. Central	A.T. OLSON RETIRES "A.T. Olson, Chief Dispatcher for the Soo Line at Stevens Point since 1947, will retire on June 1, having reached the age of 65. He is a brother of Mrs. Henry C. Rosenfeldt; Charles Olson, Minneapolis; and the late Andrew Olson. ¶ The son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Olson, who homesteaded at Spirit Lake years ago, Mr. Olson started his long railroad career as a station helper in Rib Lake, learned telegraphy, and took his first job as a telegrapher in April, 1909, at Gordon, Wis. He had been in Stevens Point since 1910. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Olson will continue to live at Stevens Point, where their sons, Donald and Robert, are attorneys. They have four grandchildren."	This family gave its name to Olson Lake in Section 8, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. The lake is one-half mile south of Little Spirit Lake.	
5/12/1955	Entertainment	FRANK YANKOVIC "Benefit dance for Rib Lake ball teams, Saturday, May 17, music by Ray Becker's orchestra at Zondlos. In person! America's polka king Frank Yankovic and his orchestra, Columbia recording artist."	The ad indicated that Frank Yankovic would appear at Zondlos on May 14. The event was described as "one of the big dances of the year."	
5/19/1955	Environment & Rib Lake - Village	PLENTIFUL SUPPLY OF WALLEYED PIKE IN RIB LAKE, STATE SURVEY REVEALS "Rib Lake still is unusually well-stocked with walleyed pike, despite the belief of many that the fish have migrated from the lake down the Rib River. ¶ This is the conclusion of Wallace B. Niemuth, State Aquatic Biologist stationed at the State Conservation area headquarters at Spooner, following two days of tests with fyke nets. ¶ The nets were set in place Monday afternoon, the first removal was made Tuesday afternoon, the second Wednesday morning, and the third is scheduled for this morning. ¶ During the first two days, a total of 202 walleyes were found in the nets. Sixty-seven of the 100 removed on Tuesday were legal size..."	The May 26, 1955, edition of the Herald reported that the netting had ended: "The final list brought the totals to 217 suckers, 93 crappie, 796 perch, 335 bullheads, 11 bluegills, 33 sunfish, and 1 northern pike, in addition to the walleyes."	
5/19/1955	Law	WEED OFFICIALS MEET "Weed commissioners from several townships in this area, and the village, will attend a county meeting at 8:00 p.m. next Tuesday in the courthouse, to hear Howard T. Richards, Weed Control Supervisor, of the State Department of Agriculture, and Don Peterson, Extension Agronomist, explain their duties and laws governing weed control."	The last weed commissioner I knew of in the village was Walter "Wimpy" Wilhelms.	
5/19/1955	Agriculture	FROM OUR FILES - FROM THE HERALD MAY 21, 1915 "Mrs. Theresia Franz and son are building a new dairy barn with a concrete floor on their Town of Greenwood farm."	This barn is still standing at the end of Maple Road, NE 1/4 - SE 1/4, Section 30, town 32 North, Range 3 East, Town of Greenwood. ¶ The barn in question was purchased, along with the house and other buildings, from Sears and Roebuck. They were typically shipped by railroad and always shipped in parts. The buyer assembled them on site. According to the current owner, Donald Warner, one of the prior owners of the farm reported to him that the Sears and Roebuck barn had been manufactured at a sawmill in the northwest corner of the Village of Rib Lake. That would have been the Taylor Co. Lumber Co., then owned by P.E. Marcus, and operated by his son-in-law. As of Feb. 15, 2009, I have been unable to corroborate the claim that the Sears and Roebuck barn was manufactured in Rib Lake.	
5/19/1955	Forests, County & Camp 13	TREE PLANTING ENDED "Planting of 20,000 small Norway pine near the old Camp 13 site on county-owned land east of Rib Lake was completed recently by a crew headed by Peter J. Hermans as foreman, and Sonny Gerstberger as assistant. ¶ The work required about a week, and the project was carried out as part of the county's program under supervision of the county board's forestry committee, of which Fred Vlach, Town of Rib Lake Chairman, is chairman. ¶ Employed on the project were Walter Gilge, George Hanke, Ernest Ziemke, Gust Swanson, Joe Stanek, Amend Carlson, Little Joe, Clarence Holder, George Haluska, Ferdinand Frank, and Otto Pacourek. ¶ This year's planting brings the total plantation on county forest land to nearly a half million."	According to news accounts published in the Rib Lake Herald, Camp 13 was active from at least March 24, 1916, to March 4, 1921. Herman Peterson was reported as its foreman by the Herald on Nov. 29, 1918. Later, George Thums, Sr., served as foreman. The June 9, 1916, edition of the Herald reported "Alphonse Collman cut his arm with an axe when it slipped while peeling bark at Camp 13."	
5/26/1955	Obituary & Westboro	MRS. JOHN CARLSON DIES AT WESTBORO "Mrs. John Carlson, 76, a long-time resident of the Westboro community, died Monday afternoon at the farmhouse near James Lake. ¶ Funeral services will be held from the residence at 1:15 p.m. Friday, and at St. Mark's National Lutheran Church in the Finnish settlement at 2:00 p.m., with the Rev. John Saarinen of Owen officiating. The body will lie in state at the Taylor Funeral Home from Wednesday evening until Friday morning, when it will be taken to the home until the hour of the services. ¶ The former Selma Louise Ecklund was born in Finland July 25, 1878, the daughter of Gustave and Louisa Ecklund. They came to the United States in 1904. She was married to Jacob Carlson in 1905, and he died in 1914. She was married to John Carlson in Rib Lake in 1915. She was an active member of the Finnish Church and the Ladies Aid Society.		

5/26/1955 (cont)	Obituary & Westboro (cont)	¶ Surviving are the husband, six daughters; Selma, Mrs. Oscar Kinnari, Miami, Florida; Lillian, Mrs. Robert Lee, Greendale; Ellen, Mrs. Arnold Krueger, Milwaukee; Sylvia, Mrs. Ervin Tranton, Milltown; Helen, Mrs. Walter Mikulski; and Bertha, Mrs. Charles Siebold, both of Chicago; three sons; Gunnard and John, both of Chicago; Urho, at home; and 17 grandchildren..."		
6/2/1955	Agriculture	COUNTY IS 54TH UNDER "A" BRUCELOSIS CLEANUP "Taylor County is the 54th Wisconsin county to begin compulsory Plan A operations under the expanded brucellosis control program. ¶ The state-federal veterinarian's office at Madison announced this week that the new disease control setup for the county will become effective June 3. ¶ To qualify for Plan A service, over 75% of Taylor County cattle owners petitioned the Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture for this program. ¶ Taylor County has a cattle population of 58,100, with 76% of the herds already operating on Plan A. ¶ The new brucellosis control program will mean that all cattle will be ring tested every 6 months. Then all herds reacting positive to the ring test will be blood tested. Beef herds and herds not marketing milk will be given a yearly blood test. ¶ All reactors disclosed by the blood test will be sent to slaughter within 30 days, and state-federal indemnity provided. ¶ All services, such as ring testing, blood tests for affected herds, necessary retests and calfhood vaccination, will also be furnished by the state.		
6/2/1955 (cont)	Agriculture (cont)	¶ The state-federal veterinarian's office at Madison indicated that one of the reasons for the increasing interest in county Plan A programs was announcements by milk market officials that milk procurements may soon be made only from brucellosis-free herds."		
6/23/1955	People & Schools	TED KAMHOLZ AND FRIEND "Ted Kamholz, former Rib Lake resident, and probably Rib Lake High School's most illustrious alumnus, is shown here receiving a congratulatory handshake from President Eisenhower, after he was sworn in as Chief Counsel for the National Labor Relations Board at Washington recently. Mrs. Kamholz is smiling in the background. Kamholz, a Chicago attorney, is a son of the Rev. F. Kamholz, former pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Kamholz, who now live in Fond du Lac."	The Herald printed a photo showing President Eisenhower shaking hands with Kamholz.	
6/23/1955	Obituary	MRS. GUSTAV TILCH, 89, SUCCUMBS AT OSHKOSH "Services will be held Friday at 8:30 a.m. at the Taylor Funeral Home, and at 9:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in the Town of Greenwood, for Mrs. Margareta Tilch, 89, a resident of the community for the past 50 years. ¶ Mrs. Tilch, widow of Gustav Tilch, who farmed on CTH C for many years prior to his death in 1948, had been at the hospital for the past 10 months. ¶ She was born in Germany on June 12, 1866, and came to the United States in 1884, and to the Town of Greenwood in 1905. She was a member of St. Ann's congregation. ¶ Surviving are four sons: William, who operates the homestead farm, and with whom she had lived since her husband died; John, of Gayford, Michigan; Henry of Blackfoot, Idaho; and Lawrence in Ohio; 21 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren. ¶ Her husband, a son and two daughters preceded her in death."		
6/23/1955	Clubs/Orders	WIVES ARE LODGE GUESTS "Members of the Men's Catholic Order of Foresters entertained their wives at the monthly meeting at St. John the Baptist Church recently. Cards were played, and lunch was prepared and served by Clarence Schreiner and Regis and Bill Niggemann. Leo Olort of Stevens Point was a guest."		
6/23/1955	Law	WEED NOTICE - 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, County of Taylor, State of Wisconsin, to cut or destroy all Canadian thistle, marijuana that is not grown or cultivated for lawful, commercial purposes, English charlock or wild mustard, field bindweed, commonly known as "creeping Jennie," ragweed, goat's beard, quack and quitch grass, field dodder, burdock, Indian mustard, ox-eye daisy, snapdragon, or butter and eggs, and perennial sow thistle, on all lands and out to the center of any highway on which such owned, occupied or controlled by you in said village, lands may abut, at such time and in such manner as shall effectively prevent them from bearing seed or spreading to adjoining property, as required by Section 94.20 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Signed Wessly Stiel, Weed Commissioner."	Note that it was only necessary to destroy marijuana "that is not grown or cultivated for lawful, commercial purposes." During WWII, Wisconsin had a booming marijuana crop. It was grown to be made into rope or twine.	
6/30/1955	Schools & Politics	FIVE-MEMBER SCHOOL BOARD IS ASKED FOR IN PETITION "A petition asking the local school board be increased from 3 to 5 members will be considered at the annual meeting for July 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. ¶ Backers of the petition say that a 5-member board would provide better representation for all parts of the district, which approximately a year ago was increased in size to include half of the Town of Spirit, and part of the Town of Hill, in Price County, as well as the village and Town of Rib Lake. ¶ The matter was presented to the present board some time ago by Hill and Spirit residents, and the board gave its unofficial approval. It is not anticipated that there will be any serious objection, as it generally has been the custom to increase the size of the board when the size of the districts were increased..."	In 2009, the Towns of Hill and Spirit are ably represented by Jerry Blomberg and Joan Magnuson on 7-member school board.	

6/30/1955	Obituary & Greenwood	<p>GEORGE GOJMERAC DIES "George J. Gojmerac, Sr., 71, a Town of Greenwood farmer since 1919, died Tuesday at about 5:00 p.m. at his home. ¶ Funeral services will be held at 8:30 o'clock from the Taylor Funeral Home, and from St. Ann's Catholic Church in the Town of Greenwood. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The Rev. Francis Weiner will officiate. ¶ Mr. Gojmerac was born in Yugoslavia March 31, 1884, and came to the United States in 1900. He was married to Miss Yarnevich at Kansas City, Missouri, August 17, 1915. ¶ Surviving are the widow, three daughters; Mary, Mrs. Nick Ceranski, Wausau; Christina, Mrs. Leon Roelke, Quantico, Virginia; and Dorothy, at home; five sons; Joseph, Independence, Wis.; Charles, Camp Stewart, Georgia; George, Jr., at home; Albert, Fort Knox, Kentucky; and Walter, Fargo, North Dakota; a brother, James, St. Joseph, Missouri; and a sister in the Old Country. Two sisters, a son and a daughter preceded him in death."</p>	<p>Coincidentally, not 3 hours earlier on the afternoon of Feb. 16, 2009, Cindy Sommer and I were scanning in Gojmerac family history. George Gojmerac's daughter-in-law, Patricia Gojmerac, loaned me documents of family history and photos. See documents #12681 through 12692.</p>	
6/30/1955	Obituary	<p>MRS. HEISLER DIES "Mrs. John Heisler, Sr., 82, resident of the community for the past 45 years, died Wednesday morning at Marshfield Hospital. ¶ Funeral services will be held from the Taylor Funeral Home, and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The family home was on the road towards Lakeview, on the north side of Rib Lake. ¶ The former Emma Kalman, daughter of Valentine and Emma Kalman, was born in Germany Jan. 1, 1873, and came to the United States in 1905. She was married to John Heisler in Germany August 25, 1904. She was a member of St. John the Baptist congregation. ¶ Survivors include the husband, who is a patient at the Medford Hospital; two daughters; Emma, Mrs. Meinrad Kathrein, and Mary, Mrs. Rudolph Kapitz; two sons, John, Jr., and Joe; two sisters in Germany, and 8 grandchildren."</p>		
6/30/1955	Harper Lake & Spirit Lake	<p>HARPER LAKE RESORT "Guests at Harper Lake Resort this week include Mr. and Mrs. T. Poquette, Superior; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, Wis. Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Gil Ruesch; Mr. and Mrs. Roman Dietzler, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Babko and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bubholz, Marshfield. ¶ Gil Ruesch landed a 39-1/2" muskie over the weekend, and another 34" muskie was taken."</p>	<p>The same edition of the Herald reported on Seidel's cottages: "Guests at Seidel's cottages this week include Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Conway and children, Wheaton, Illinois; and Mr. and Mrs. Ermin Aschenbrenner, Menasha." ¶ The Herald reported guests at Spirit Lake at Lakeview Resort as "Guests this week at Vanucha's Lakeview Resort on Spirit Lake included Mr. and Mrs. Harold Guthried, Winona, Minnesota; and Mr. and Mrs. A. Hoef, Kenosha. ¶ Mrs. Leo Smith, Medford, snagged a 30" muskie and two 28" northerns while fishing from Lakeview's boats over the weekend." ¶ At the time, just about every sizeable lake in the Rib Lake area had cabins for rent. Even Rib Lake had a resort: the Ribs, run by George and Faye Buksa, including "Faye's Cabins."</p>	
7/7/1955	Church - Catholic - St. John the Baptist	<p>25 IN FIRST COMMUNION "First communion services Sunday concluded the summer school classes at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. ¶ The classes, attended by 25 who took their first communion, were conducted by the Sisters of St. Francis from Medford. ¶ The class included Cheryl Bokath, Frances Yanko, Mary Lou Zondlo, Sharyn Schneider, Barbara Surek, Noreen Patrick, Ramona Niggemann, Virginia Heisler, Kathleen McGuire, Sharon Nesval, Patricia Tripp, Shirley Schrader, John Hahn, James Seidel, Richard Seidel, Jeffrey Zondlo, Kenneth McGuire, Stanley Resudek, Daniel Pendergast, Donald Bube, Michael Kolecheck, Richard Olson, Ronald Kauer, Donald Dolezalek, and Arthur Kapitz, Jr. ¶ After the church services, conducted by the Rev. Robert Stock, the Christian Mothers Confraternity served breakfast to the children in the church hall."</p>		
7/7/1955	Obituary	<p>WILLIAM TETZLAFF, AN EARLY SETTLER, BURIED WEDNESDAY "Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church for William Tetzlaff, 84, a pioneer resident of the community, who died Sunday evening at his farm home on Highway 102, a short distance west of the Rib Lake Town Hall. ¶ The Rev. C.F. Luedtke officiated, and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Fred Zuege, Herman Batzer, Paul Kaske, Carl Radtke, William Wilhelms, and Julius Gilge. ¶ He had been in ill health for the past 6 months, but had been critically ill only a short time. ¶ Mr. Tetzlaff was born in Germany Nov. 8, 1870, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Tetzlaff, and came to the United States in 1895, coming directly to Rib Lake to settle on the homestead farm. He was married to Miss Bertha Loose at Rib Lake May 15, 1896. She died Sept. 3, 1948.</p>	<p>The Tetzlaff homestead consisted of 80 acres on the west side of Zondlo Drive, and on the north of STH 102.</p>	

7/7/1955 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ He was a member of the St. John's congregation. ¶ Surviving are a daughter, Elsie, Mrs. Eugene Hein, Rib Lake; a son, Ernest, who farmed the home place, and another son, William, of St. Cloud, Wisconsin; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Mielke, Marshfield; and one in Germany; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren."	¶ Ernest Tetzlaff reported to me that his father found a pile of pine logs on the homestead. It had been cut and piled by early Rib Lake loggers, probably in the 1880's. Somehow the pile had been forgotten. William Tetzlaff had the logs sawed into boards, which made the siding for the Tetzlaff farm home.	
7/7/1955	Businesses & Harper Lake	ARE SUMMER GUESTS [The Herald here published a long list of guests at the various area lake resorts, including Harper Lake Resort, Holly's Resort on Stone Lake, Lakeview Resort on Big Spirit Lake, and both Carlson's cottages and Seidel's cottages on North Harper Lake. The list spelled out well over 50 names of visitors staying at these cabins.]	The Herald also mentioned "Camp Carter for Business Girls has been opened for the season by Mrs. Elaine Schaufelberger, Chicago." Camp Carter occupied the former Mike Schmidt farmstead on the north side of Rustic Road #1 to the north of South Harper Lake. It featured rustic summer vacations primarily for single, Chicago business women.	
7/14/1955	Schools	RIB LAKE SCHOOL BOARD INCREASED TO 5 MEMBERS "Membership of the Rib Lake School Board was increased from 3 to 5 at the annual meeting in the high school gymnasium Monday night. ¶ The petition asking for the increase in personnel was approved unanimously by the approximately 70 district voters who attended. ¶ The voting resulted in the election of 3 members - George Thusty, Rib Lake, incumbent, for a 3-year term; Carl Meier, Town of Spirit, 2 years; and Richard Upjohn, Rib Lake, 1 year. The hold-over members are Elmer Taylor and Walter Freiberg, both of Rib Lake. ¶ Under the state law covering the larger board, it will meet and choose its own officers, presumably a president or chairman, a clerk, and a treasurer, with the two remaining members serving as directors. The retiring board included Freiberg as clerk, Taylor as treasurer, and Thusty as director..."	In 2009, we have a 7-member school board. The Towns of Westboro and Greenwood were added to "The Joint School District" of Rib Lake in the 1970's, necessitating 7 members.	
7/14/1955	Schools & Westboro	WESTBORO VOTES SCHOOL ADDITION "In a concrete step towards future improvement of the Westboro High School, a resolution to build an addition to house a band room, classroom, and possible other rooms, was passed at the annual school district meeting held in the high school gymnasium, attended by 70 voters. The vote was 49-16. ¶ Quickly following came the necessary vote, 52-9, authorizing the borrowing from the state trust fund of the sum of \$40,000 to finance the project, which it is hoped may be completed by September of 1956. Sketches for the building are on hand, approved by the state department, and are flexible. The south side of the present school building is suggested as a logical site."	Much of the then-Westboro High School was a wood-frame building. The addition featured "a brick veneer," according to plans published in the Rib Lake Herald. In 2009, the old wooden Westboro High School is long gone; the brick addition stands vacant.	
7/14/1955	War-Soldiers	NEW SYSTEM ARRANGED FOR "SPOTTING" PLANES "A new system for plane spotting has been inaugurated in the Rib Lake area this summer, and is in current use by a ground observer crew of 15 men here, reports Ed Martin, Chief Supervisor of the local crew. Formerly, observers were required to take turns standing post at the high school and phoning in their results via the official post phone. A sadly time-consuming effort, despite the importance of the work. ¶ Now, members spotting a plane from wherever they happen to be, are entitled to make use of the nearest and quickest telephone to call in the Green Bay filter center. The increased importance of plane spotting reports is not so much in anticipation of "foreign invasion and attack" as it is in the service of tracing missing or grounded civilian planes. Rib Lake is on the direct route of the Duluth-Wausau-Milwaukee-Chicago flight line. Much of the country hereabouts could be termed wilderness and of hazardous possibilities. ¶ Sgt. Pat Lake, former Rib Lake High School graduate, is now stationed at the Green Bay center, following his re-enlistment in the Air Corps.	Plane spotting was a practice adopted following WWII. Concern at that time was to detect Russian bombers flying over the Arctic. The threat of Russian bombers was vastly increased following 1949. In the year, Russia exploded its first atomic bomb.	
7/14/1955 (cont)	War-Soldiers (cont)	¶ Our local mobile unit of ground observers, on duty day and night, includes Martin, Elmer Taylor, Chief Observer; Ray Becker, Verl Bokath, Wayne Bullis, John Schreiner, Frank Yanko, Clarence Tippelt, Bob Bleck, Barney Cihasky, Southwell Rosenfeldt, Meinrad Kathrein, Ed Tellier, Keith Zintz, and George Buksa, Jr."		
7/21/1955	Businesses	NEW BLUE ROYAL OWNERS "Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Krueger, Milwaukee, formerly of Rib Lake, took over the Blue Royal cabins and tavern at the intersection of Highways 102 and 13 on Sunday. The Kruegers will be joined by their son, Gene, who will help in the operation at the end of this week. They bought the establishment from Fred Ahlers, administrator of the estate of his late brother, Walter Ahlers, the former owner. The Kruegers plan a grand opening in the near future."		

7/21/1955	Schools & Education	SCHOOL NEEDS A COOK! "Pupils at the Fawn Valley School will eat noon hot lunches prepared in the school's own kitchen, according to a plan approved at the annual school meeting last week. Voters disapproved securing the lunches through the Rib Lake district because of the proposed increase in price, and authorized the board to employ a cook to prepare the food in the Fawn Valley building, for the approximately 60 pupils. Ken Hein, treasurer, was re-elected. Hold-over board members are Howard Lamont, director; and Tom Polacek, clerk. ¶ At the annual meeting of the river district, Towns of Rib Lake and Greenwood, Phillip Ziembo was re-elected treasurer. Clarence Schreiner is clerk and Elmer Freiboth is director. ¶ District 1, Town of Greenwood, re-elected Joe Dums, Jr., as clerk. John Lechmaier and Vincent Kramer are director and treasurer, respectively."	Please note that these are three independent school districts. Fawn Valley, Rib River and Town of Greenwood each had its own school and separate school board for elementary school purposes. ¶ The two-room Fawn Valley school stood in the SE corner of Peche Drive and Fawn Ave. ¶ The Rib River school building stood 300 feet south of the Rib River on the east side of CTH C. ¶ Greenwood school boards operated several elementary schools, see 3/31/1955 and 11/3/1955.	
7/28/1955	Spirit & Schools	BUILDING UNDER REPAIR PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL TERM "Members of the board of Joint School District #1 made a final tour of the Liberty School in the Town of Spirit, and two school buildings in the village last Thursday evening, to determine what still needs to be done to the physical properties prior to the opening of the fall term. ¶ Aside from some final work, generally cleaning and repairing, including painting and varnishing, is well underway, and the buildings will be in good shape for the opening of the school term, scheduled for Monday, August 29. ¶ All vacancies in the teaching staff have been filled, with the following roster of teachers; Kindergarten - Mrs. Estelle Bohte; First Grade - Emma Taylor; Second - Ellen Dietzler, Medford; Third - Eleanor Everson, Westboro; Fourth - Donna Etten, Stetsonville; Fifth - Gertrude Mielke; Sixth - Gertrude Schabel; Seventh - Velva Kapitz; Eighth - Mary Noland, Medford; and Liberty School - Helen Barbeau, Kennan.	In 2009, the Liberty School building, located on the SE corner of CTH YY and Settlement Road, is undergoing a beautiful renovation by Gene and Toni Meier. ¶ For more information, contact: Michael & Toni Meier, German Settlement History, Inc., Liberty School News, N894 S. German Settlement Rd., Ogema, WI 54459.	
7/28/1955 (cont)	Spirit & Schools (cont)	FACULTY IS LISTED "The high school staff includes Keith Zintz - Agriculture; Bernice Stellick, Medford - English and Librarian; Barbara Acker, Medford - English and Social Science; Francis Heimel, St. Paul - Commercial; William Hinthertuer, Neenah - Industrial Arts and Science; Onan Eide, Ashland - Science and Mathematics; Lloyd Cuddeback, Park Falls - Music; Phyllis Pope, Medford - Home Economics; Willard Lambert - Physical Education and Coach; and Mr. Robert C. Becker, Supervising Principal and Guidance. ¶ The school lunch program will start Sept. 6, with Mrs. Herman Jacob and Mrs. Ed Stamm as cooks, and Mrs. Phillip Pellkofer assisting at the Ward School. The Liberty School lunch situation has not yet been definitely set. ¶ Hot lunch prices this year will be 17 cents for the grade pupils, and 23 cents for the high school students. ¶ Bus routes will operate as in the past, except for minor changes, which will be made after school starts. Bus drivers for the coming year are Arthur Schultz, Ray Becker, Joe Pertmer, and Southwell Rosenfeldt. Albert Bergeson will again operate a private car for transporting to the Liberty School from the Hill area."		
8/4/1955	Schools & Westboro	STAN GABRIELSON RESIGNS SCHOOL JOB AT WESTBORO "Resignation of Stanley O. Gabrielson, supervising principal of the Westboro School System, was revealed this week. ¶ Mr. Gabrielson, who has been at Westboro for the past two years, coming from Winter, has accepted the post of superintendent of the schools at Bruce in Rusk County. ¶ The Bruce district operates a consolidated system, including a high school and grade school, with more than 750 pupils. There are approximately 30 teachers there. Mr. Gabrielson's work will be mostly administrative, as both the grade and high schools have principals. ¶ The Westboro school board will meet this week in an effort to choose a successor to Mr. Gabrielson. ¶ With the exception of the principal and one other, all of the faculty posts have been filled. New teachers are Mrs. Helen Jackson, who will teach home economics; John Hanson, Music and Chemistry; Lorna Freudenthal, Second and Third Grades; and Frank Szomi, Seventh and Eighth.	Note the reference to school buildings not in Westboro: the Chelsea school, which stood just northeast of Trinity Lutheran Church, had two teachers. The Leavitt Creek School - across from the Town of Hill Town Hall, had a single teacher. ¶ In 2009, both of these small schools are long - victims of consolidation.	
8/4/1955 (cont)	Schools & Westboro (cont)	¶ Mrs. Jackson has had two years' experience as a home economics teacher, and two as a county home agent, and Miss Freudenthal and Mr. Szomi are last year graduates from the Taylor County Normal College. ¶ The remainder of the staff is Lawrence Bates, Agriculture and Shop; Mrs. June Freiberg, Business Education; Robert Lay, Science, Mathematics, Physical Education and Coach; Mrs. Beulah Zintz, English and Social Science; Miss Ellen Ljungquist, Third and Fourth; and Mrs. Helen Buchmiller, Fifth and Sixth. ¶ Teachers at the Chelsea school are Jamie Birkholz, First to Fourth Grade; and Mrs. Ida Scott, Fifth to Eighth; Mrs. Bessie Nikkila is the teacher at the Leavitt Creek School in the Town of Hill. ¶ Mrs. Elva Niemi, who has taught first and second grades at Westboro for several years, announced her resignation Tuesday, to take a teaching post at Marinette. The Westboro board hopes to fill the vacancy in the near future."		

8/4/1955	Westboro & Businesses & Obituary	FRANK RUPRICH DIES "Funeral services were to be held at 9:00 a.m. today (Thursday) in St. Theresa's Catholic Church at Westboro, for Frank Ruprich, Jr., 60, member of an early Westboro family, who died Saturday night at St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield, of a heart ailment. ¶ Burial was in Mount Olive Cemetery, and pallbearers were I.P. Kiger, Len Evans, Dan Franklin, Clarence Grittner, Henry Franck, and John Hanson. ¶ The body was taken to the Fuchsgruber Parlor at Dorchester, and lay in state there until the time of the funeral. Rosary services were held Wednesday morning. ¶ Mr. Ruprich was born in Westboro, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruprich, Sr., and had lived there all of his life. His father built the Ruprich brick building, recently occupied by the Hanson Store, and operated a general store there for many years. ¶ Mr. Ruprich went blind a number of years ago, but continued to live in the family home alone, assisted by neighbors and friends. He never married, and for a while conducted a mail-order business for vanilla and similar household extracts. ¶ He had no near relatives, his parents and a brother, Oscar, having preceded him in death."	Note the reference to the Ruprich brick building. This imposing two-story brick building stands tall in 2009 in "downtown" Westboro. It occupies the site on the west side of former STH 13. ¶ It is hard to imagine the proud and populous village that Westboro once was during the lumber era. It had a population of well over 1,000. The Ruprich General Store is the one remaining tangible sign of that boom period. ¶ I have used the term "village" to refer to the urbanized area of the Town of Westboro. The entire area of Westboro is an unincorporated town. Technically speaking, there is no Village of Westboro. ¶ In contrast, Rib Lake consists both of an unincorporated township and the incorporated Village of Rib Lake.	
8/4/1955	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	STORE BUILDING SOLD "Sale of the old lumber company store building, located on the northeast corner of Main Street [McComb Ave.] and Highway 102 intersection, was revealed Tuesday by Henry Schlais. ¶ Purchaser of the property is Ed Daigle of Tomahawk, who plans to wreck the building and construct a new Sinclair Master Service Station, according to Schlais. Daigle also is negotiating with C.C. Lord for the purchase of a part of the lot at the rear of the Lord office building, which adjoins the Schlais property to the north. ¶ When the lumber company closed its store when the mill was shut down, the property was acquired by Eugene Schlais, son of Henry Schlais, who operated a variety store in the building for several years, closing it about 4 years ago last spring. ¶ The property has been vacant since then, except when it was used temporarily to store cheese boxes by the Rib Lake Cheese Company."	In 2009, the land in question is occupied by Cindy and Greg Hanke's C&G Mini-Mart, 910 STH 102. The RLLC store occupied Lot 1, Block A, of McComb's Racing Park Addition. Between 1969 and 1984, the Sinclair station was operated by Roger D. Johnson, who sold to William A. and Carol L. Voda. ¶ The C.C. Lord bookkeeping and accounting office occupied a portion of Block A, Lot 2. C.C. Lord had been the accountant for the RLLC. By Nov. 26, 1953, he had established a bookkeeping and tax service on the site. His ad in the Herald, dated 5/21, 1953, indicated office hours from 8-12, 1-5, every weekday, except an additional hour on Friday, 7-8 p.m. ¶ Herald Editor Eugene Clifford always referred to McComb Ave. as Main Street.	
8/4/1955	People & Church - Catholic - St. John the Baptist	PRIEST TRANSFERRED "Appointment of the Rev. Fr. Irving F. Klister as pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church at Ladysmith, was announced last week by the Diocesan Chancery office in Superior. The appointment was made by the Most Reverend Joseph Annabring, Bishop, of the Diocese of Superior. ¶ At present, Fr. Klister is Chancellor of the Diocese, and editor of the Catholic Herald Citizen, the Diocesan weekly newspaper. He was ordained at St. John the Baptist Church in Rib Lake in 1944, by Bishop William O'Connor, and since that time has held clerical assignments in Superior. He served as Assistant at the Cathedral of Christ the King for four years after ordination, and 4-1/2 years as pastor of St. Louis Church. ¶ Fr. Klister, son of the late Anton Klister and Ella Klister, is well-known in the community, where he spent his boyhood. He graduated from Rib Lake High School in 1933.		
8/4/1955 (cont)	People & Church - Catholic - St. John the Baptist (cont)	¶ He has served the as Diocesan Moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women since its organization in 1950, and was named moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Men at its establishment in March, 1955. He has also served as the first chaplain of Serra International of Superior, a service club of Catholic business and professional men for the promotion of religious vocations. ¶ From 1946 to 1954, he served as Diocesan Scout Chaplain. Since 1945, he has been Diocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He has been resident chaplain at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Superior since May, 1954. ¶ Fr. Klister will replace Fr. Vincent Scheltinga of the Servite Order at Ladysmith, who will be assigned to new duties in the Order by his provincial."		
8/18/1955	Agriculture & Greenwood & Fire	FIRE IN HAY REQUIRES 8 HOURS' WORK TO CONTROL "Spontaneous combustion and damp hay seriously threatened the large barn on the Ed Nordgren farm in the Town of Greenwood Monday afternoon, resulting in hard work by members of the Rib Lake Fire Department and neighborhood volunteers, over a period of about 8 hours. ¶ The barn never actually caught fire, but approximately 30 tons of hay were removed from it, and was ruined by smoke and water, Mr. Nordgren said. Approximately 6,500 gallons of water was used in controlling the smoldering, Chief Ed Martin reported. ¶ Smoke was seen coming from the upper section of the hay-filled barn shortly before 2:00 p.m., and a call was patched to the fire department. The department then called for the village truck, which took its two large tanks, and about 1,000 gallons of water to the scene.	In the days before milk was transported in tank trucks, it was transported in milk cans. These heavy-duty steel cans were ubiquitous in dairy country. The cans were heavy enough empty, let alone filled with liquid. ¶ Refrigerated coolers on the farm and stainless steel milk trucks replaced the cans in the 1970's.	

8/18/1955 (cont)	Agriculture & Greenwood & Fire (cont)	¶ The firemen and volunteers started forking the hay out in an attempt to get to the scene of the smoldering, and wet the hay down as it was removed from the barn to prevent it from blazing up. Nordgren said the smoldering was only a short distance from the wall of the barn, and that the entire building probably would have been consumed if the smoke had not been seen for another hour or two. ¶ Neighbors joined the fire department, and George Haider, who lives nearby, used his milk truck to continue hauling water from a creek about a half-mile away, to keep the supply up in the storage tanks. It was a backbreaking job - filling milk cans in the creek, loading them onto the truck then lifting them to the village truck and dumping the contents into the tanks. ¶ The Nordgren farm is about 2 miles west of the Greenwood Town Hall."		
8/18/1955	Sheep Ranch	DOWN THE ROAD "A big bear, which killed 11 sheep on the Lawrence Tlusty sheep ranch west of Westboro last Thursday, got its just desserts in less than 48 hours, thanks to the State Conservation Dept. employees. ¶ Tlusty noticed that the sheep had been taken on Thursday afternoon, and notified Warden Ken Coyle of Medford. Coyle got in touch with state trapper Jaeger at Ladysmith, and he picked up Warden DeBryhn at Phillips. They came and set a trap, aided by a powerful scent, which the trapper said would attract bear from a distance of 2 miles. ¶ On Saturday morning, Mr. Bruin was in the trap, and then was stowed in the Westboro locker plant. ¶ Joe Brandner and Leo Krat skinned the animal out on Tuesday, Brandner taking the meat and Krat, an employee of the ranch, taking the skin for a rug."		
8/25/1955	Businesses & Gustafson & Co.	ADVERTISEMENT "We have purchased the Gustafson Lumber Co., which will be operated in the future as Taylor's Lumber and Fuel, Phone #2, where we will continue to fill all of the needs of the builder. Your continued patronage will be appreciated. Signed Elmer J. Taylor."	The Gustafson retail lumber company stood in the SE corner of the village in the vicinity of the recycling center of 2009. ¶ Elmer J. Taylor was also the owner and operator of the Taylor Funeral Home. The same edition of the Herald had this ad: "Thanks, friends --- we take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to our customers for the fine patronage accorded us during our years of business in Rib Lake. ¶ It was a pleasure to serve you. ¶ As the business and property have been purchased by Mr. Elmer J. Taylor, may we suggest that you continue your patronage with Taylor's Lumber and Fuel. ¶ GUSTAFSON LUMBER COMPANY By Vendla Gustafson, Harry & Alice Gustafson and Carl & Violet Marschke."	
9/1/1955	Highway	NEW SIGN GREETES MOTORISTS "Thousands of motorists traveling both ways on STH 13 will see this warm welcome to Rib Lake, installed recently on the state road near its intersection with Highway 102. ¶ The holiday weekend is expected to bring the final influx of vacationers into northern Wisconsin for the Labor Day observance. Business places in the village and vicinity, with the exception of service establishments, will be closed Sunday as usual, as well as Monday, the holiday. There will be no rural mail service, and the post office will be closed all Monday."	The billboard read "Welcome to Rib Lake - 5 miles" "Vacationland." Note the comment regarding the fact that businesses were closed on Sunday.	
9/15/1955	Agriculture & Rib Lake - Town	DOWN THE ROAD "He who laughs last, laughs best." A thoughtful phrase penned by Shakespeare around 1600, and quoted ever since, was most recently repeated by George Zondlo just last week when he happily directed his trusty hay baler into a field of third crop hay - his first third crop since 8 years ago. ¶ His first crop this year was 1800 bales, the second 975 bales, and his third 490 bales. The last crop was more neat than spectacular, or was it, considering that beautiful word "third" attached. ¶ Now this business of the "last laugh" started many years ago during the old Rib Lake mill days, when some folks snickered as Zondlo stubbornly hauled the hardwood ashes from the mill pit out to his land. Two loads a day of from 400-500 pounds he cleaned out and loaded on his wagon, to distribute as fertilizer when he and the horse humped home. Folks who didn't snicker at such foolishness felt sorry for George, he recalls. ¶ One of George's favorite phrases in driving home a point, is to end with "well, I mean, just rough figurin'." Seems like some earlier Zondlo's rough figurin' has turned into some pretty fine figures."		
9/15/1955	Environment	DAM BE SOON! "Members of the Rib Lake Fire Department and other volunteers gathered at the site of the old company store Monday night and removed two loads of lumber, which will be used to build a sluice way at the Rib Lake dam before winter sets in. ¶ The material was hauled to a point near the dam site by the village truck, and several other loads, secured by additional volunteers on Tuesday, were to be taken out there before the end of the week. ¶ Elmer Taylor, chairman of the general dam committee, said that a bee to build the sluice way at the site of the old lumber company's dam, probably will be held before the end of the month. It is assumed that if the overflow can be diverted to a sluice way, where it can be controlled, further permanent of the dikes to the west can be completed this winter."	For information on the old store, see 8/14/1955: "STORE BUILDING SOLD."	

9/15/1955	Fawn Valley & Schools	MOTHERS DONATE POTS, PANS FOR FAWN VALLEY "Members of the Fawn Valley Mothers Club voted to stock the new school kitchen with pots, pans and other needed utensils as an aid to the new hot lunch program, which is expected to get underway Oct. 1, at their regular meeting held recently, under the leadership of the new officers, headed by Mrs. Clarence Mielke as president. ¶ Tom Polacek, clerk of the Fawn Valley board, was a guest at the meeting and answered questions concerning the proposed lunch program. The members voted to hold a card party for the benefit of the kitchen on Oct. 1, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Joe F. Kauer. Mrs. Agnes Boor, county supervising teacher, will be invited to attend the next meeting in October. Other new officers, in addition to Mrs. Mielke, are Mrs. Elmer Gerstberger, vice president; Mrs. Walter Schneider, secretary; and Mrs. Stanley Kroll, treasurer."	I have always enjoyed the name Fawn Valley. It has such a nice ring to it. Unfortunately, the town board decided to shorten the name when they ordered highway signs in the 1980's. For that reason we have merely "Fawn Avenue." ¶ The Fawn Valley grade school stood in the SE corner of Fawn Avenue and Peche Drive.	
9/15/1955	Entertainment & Businesses	FREE MOVIES "Every Friday night all kids under 12 will be admitted FREE at the Lake Theatre. The sponsor is the courtesy of the following merchants: Bud's IGA, Becker's Tavern; Art's Service Center; Marshall-Wells store; Menning's Barbershop, Gamble Store; Bogumill Locker Plant; Patrick's Shoe Store; Upjohn Drug Store; Cliff's Friendly Service; Zielke's Store; Rinehart's Restaurant; The Sport Shop; Standard Oil Company; Rib Lake Herald; North Side Garage; Johnny's Bar; Little Bohemia; Zondlo's Tavern; Heindl's Clover Farm; Adolph's 102 Tavern; Schlaises Clothing; Tauber's Tavern; Tellier's Tap; Rib Lake Roller Mill; Thusty Beverage and Bottling; Rib Lake Cheese Company; National Hotel and Bar; Taylor's Lumber and Fuel; Kiger Oil - Ed Thums; the Lakeside, and Smith's Welding Service."	The merchants' plan was simple: If you get the kids into the Rib Lake movies, their parents will shop Rib Lake.	
9/22/1955	Obituary & Mud Lake	JOE KAUER, SR., EARLY MUD LAKE RESIDENT, BURIED "Services were held at the Taylor Funeral Home, and at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, for Joseph Kauer, Sr., 80, a pioneer resident of the community, who died at his farm home near Mud Lake. ¶ The Rev. Robert Stock officiated, and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers included Joseph Pertmer, Carl Seidel, F.P. Schaaack, George Thusty, Frank Yanko and Edwin Thums. ¶ Mr. Kauer was born in Austria Sept. 18, 1874, a son of the late Anton and Anna Brandel Kauer. He came to the United States with his parents in 1893, and the family lived here, then in Iowa briefly, and returned to Taylor County to farm. ¶ He was married to Miss Anna Roensbies at the Holy Rosary Church in Medford Jan. 20, 1901. He served as treasurer of the Town of Rib Lake for 18 years, and was a charter member of the board of the Lakeview Cemetery Assoc. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Church and the Holy Name Society.		
9/22/1955 (cont)	Obituary & Mud Lake (cont)	¶ On several occasions in recent years, Mr. and Mrs. Kauer had been hosts at their farm home for reunions of former Mud Lake residents, and he was well-versed in the early history of the community, and knew all of the residents. ¶ Surviving are the widow, a daughter, Mary, Mrs. Eugene Gramling, at home; a daughter, Margaret, Mrs. Richard Hartzheim, Appleton; and four sons, Joseph F. Kauer, Wood Lake; Fr. John Kauer, Doby, Washington; Anton Kauer, Randle, Washington; and Peter A. Kauer, at home; 20 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren."		
9/22/1955	Agriculture & Businesses	CHEESE FIRM IS LISTED "The Rib Lake Cheese Company is one of 28 Wisconsin firms which received part of a \$2 million cheese "windfall," which the Comptroller General at Washington has called "improper and unauthorized," and which a congressional committee has suggested should be voluntarily refunded to the government. ¶ The money was paid when the Commodity Credit Corporation bought 86 pounds of cheddar cheese at 37 cents a pound and sold it back to the same firms at 24-1/2 cents. ¶ The purpose of the transaction was to prevent the price of cheese to producers from dropping in advance of the reduction of cheese support prices from 90% to 75% of parity in April, 1954. ¶ Secretary of Agriculture Benson and the CCC have defended the procedure as being in the best interests of the dairy farmers, but its legality now is being challenged. ¶ The list of payments released by the House Inter-government Relations Subcommittee, which is investigating the transaction, revealed that 28 Wisconsin firms received a total of \$773,573. The Rib Lake Cheese Company, which has its main office at Medford, received \$2,846."	Along with the shoe factory, the Rib Lake cheese plant was the biggest employer in the village.	
9/29/1955	Health & Spirit	ROY LIND, 43-YEAR-OLD SPIRIT FARMER, IS VICTIM OF POLIO "Roy Lind, 43, a resident of the Town of Spirit since 1917, died Monday afternoon in the polio ward of St. Mary's Hospital, Wausau, where he had been a patient since he was stricken at his farm home a week previously. ¶ The Rev. Carl K. Kionka will officiate at funeral services set for 2:00 p.m. today (Thursday) at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which the deceased was a member. Burial will be in the Spirit Hillcrest Cemetery. ¶ Mr. Lind was born in Dessart, North Dakota, June 8, 1912, and came to Spirit with his family when he was 5 years old. He attended the Spirit Schools and the Rib Lake High School, and was married to Miss Agnes Zellinger at Prentice June 11, 1942. He had farmed in Spirit all of his adult life. ¶ Surviving are the widow, 7 children, all at home; Daniel, Duane, Donna, Dennis, Donald, Dean and David, and a brother, Carl Lind, Spooner. ¶ The Liberty School in the Town of Spirit, where 4 of the Lind children are students, was closed from Wednesday through Friday as a precautionary measure."	In 2009, Dan Lind is the Rib Lake Postmaster.	

9/29/1955	Businesses & RLLC	ELMER TAYLOR NEW OWNER OF FORMER MACHINE SHOP "Sale of the old lumber company machine shed and dry kiln to Elmer J. Taylor was revealed this week. ¶ The seller was A.V. Nystrom, proprietor of the Rib Lake Products Company, who had used the buildings as a site for his snowfence manufacturing and other manufacturing processes. ¶ Included in the deal is the property on the east side of Main Street [McComb Ave.], extending from Highway 102 south to the corner of Railroad Street. ¶ Taylor plans to move his lumber yard, recently purchased from Gustafson Lumber Company, now located on the state highway south and west of the Catholic Church, to the new location. ¶ The building will be remodeled with a lean-to attached to the north end of the building proper toward the front, to be converted into a showroom, office space and utility room. It will face the state highway.	In 2009, the building is still standing at 670 McComb Ave. Its most recent owner is Fisher Creek Pet Foods. ¶ Note the coal storage. Many businesses and homes once burned coal for heat. The last retail coal outlet in Taylor County was the Eggert Company in downtown Medford. Its small "For sale" coal pile along the railroad tracks disappeared in the 1990's.	
9/29/1955 (cont)	Businesses & RLLC (cont)	¶ Taylor said the size of the building will enable him to house all of his stock and operations under one roof, and that the building, which has a concrete floor, will be much more suitable for the storage of lumber stock, than the present buildings, which lie on low land and have only dirt floors. He plans the old dry kilns as a storage building for coal. ¶ Taylor is operating the former Gustafson Lumber yard under the name of Taylor's Lumber and Fuel, and carries a full line of building materials. ¶ When the RLLC ceased operations in the spring of 1948, ownership of the building was transferred to several individuals, and eventually was acquired by the village, and rented to the St. Croix Corporation, which manufactured snowfence, fishing pole handles, and other wood products. ¶ It was eventually sold to St. Croix, which in turn sold it and the equipment to Nystrom, who came in from Milwaukee in the spring of 1954. He is ceasing operations here, having taken a position as railroad car and engine maintenance superintendent with a mining company in Minnesota."	¶ My law office building, in 2009, still has a coal door to a Medford alley. The door permitted coal to be dumped into the basement. When the building was constructed in the 1930's for the Medford Telephone Company, coal heated it. By the time my brother Tom acquired the old telephone company building in the 1970's, it had been converted to oil heat; in 1980, it was reconverted to natural gas.	
9/29/1955	Agriculture	GUERNSEY SIRE SOLD "Charles Mayer, Chelsea, has just purchased the young guernsey sire, Meadow Lawn Tauris, from Gunnar Nelson of Westboro, according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club of Peterboro, New Hampshire. This young bull is out of the cow, Meadow Lawn Vil-Letta, and is sired by Nyala Honor's Thespian."	So much for artificial breeding.	
9/29/1955	Obituary	FINAL RITES HELD FOR JOHN HEISLER "Funeral services were held at St. John the Baptist Church last Saturday morning for John Heisler, 83, a resident of the community for the past 43 years, who died late Wednesday afternoon at his home after a lingering illness. ¶ The Rev. Robert Stock officiated, and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Fred Niggemann, George Zondlo, Albert Schreiner, Joseph Pertmer, Henry Jensen, and Peter Bogumill. ¶ Mr. Heisler was born in Austria Feb. 13, 1897, and was married to Emma Kalman Aug. 25, 1904, in the Old Country. They came to the United States the following year, settling in Minnesota. They came to Rib Lake in 1912. Mr. Heisler was employed at the tannery here, and later worked on the railroad section crew for the RLLC railroad. Mrs. Heisler died June 29 of this year. ¶ Surviving are two daughters, Emma, Mrs. Meinrad Kathrein; and Mary, Mrs. Rudolph Kapitz; two sons, John, Jr. and Joe, all of Rib Lake; 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild."		
10/6/1955	Forests & Fire	OUR READERS SAY "Dear Mr. Clifford: Last spring I had an opportunity to read the special green edition of your paper that dealt with forest fire prevention. Now that the fall fire season is at hand, it seems appropriate to me to drop you a line and request that you again contribute to the forest fire prevention program in northern Wisconsin. ¶ Your last effort was very effective. I am basing this on the information available to me in the semi-annual report on forest fire currents and other pertinent data for Wisconsin. ¶ This year I have developed a new reporting system on forest fire occurrence, forest area burned, and other items dealing with the overall fire control problem. It is only recently that this report has been perfected to the point where statistical data has been available to me. It is very interesting to note that during that period from Jan. 1 to June 30, only 4 fires started in Taylor County. Twenty-three acres of forest land were burned over. The fact that only 4 fires started in the area under protection in Taylor County for which the state is responsible, is, indeed, a very commendable record.	The DNR State Forest Fire Headquarters building in Tomahawk is named for Neil LaMay.	
10/6/1955 (cont)	Forests & Fire (cont)	¶ I am sure your efforts had much to do with this record, and I sincerely hope that you will find it expedient and to your convenience to add to the forest fire prevention endeavor that we are carrying on this fall. Very truly yours, Forest Protection Division, Neil LaMay, Chief Ranger, State Conservation Department."		
10/13/1955	Obituary	FINAL RITES HELD FOR WILLIAM BULLIS "Funeral services were held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for William Bullis, 69, a former grader for the lumber company, who died Thursday morning at a hospital at Milwaukee, where he had lived for the past 7 years. ¶ The Rev. Robert Stock officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Phillip Pellkofer, George Tlusty, August Schopper, Fred Niggemann, Louis Menning, and Frank L. Becker. ¶ Mr. Bullis was born in DePere and came to Rib Lake to work for the lumber company about 30 years ago. The family moved to Milwaukee in 1949, after the mill closed. ¶ He was married to the former Hazel Marie Adams at Antigo November 24, 1920. She died Dec. 23, 1951. He was married to Marie Stadler of Milwaukee last November. He was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church at Milwaukee. He had been stricken several weeks ago and was treated at Misericordia (sic) Hospital, but was released and then taken back to the hospital shortly before his death.		

10/13/1955 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Surviving are the widow, 4 sons; Wayne, Rib Lake; and Glen, Dale and Loren, all of Milwaukee; 2 brothers; Leonard Bullis, Milwaukee; and James Bullis, Oconto; and 4 grandchildren. Another son, Russell, was killed in action in 1944 during the Second World War."		
10/20/1955	Roads	SURVEYORS CHECK RELOCATED ROUTE FOR HIGHWAY 102 "State highway engineers were in this area recently making preliminary surveys for the relocation of at least a portion of STH 102 between Highway 13 and the Village of Rib Lake. ¶ ...A plan now said to be favored calls for widening of the road and eliminating or lessening of some hills on the present Highway 102 from Highway 13 at the Blue Royal corner, east of where the present highway makes its first direct turn to the left near the Niggemann farms. ¶ Instead of following this turn, the new route would proceed directly east until it came to the old railroad right-of-way. It would then join it and follow the old railroad right-of-way into the village, joining the present east and west portions of the highway at the corner near the Alfred Peissig home. ¶ This route would eliminate several curves which have been the scenes of serious accidents. There are two sharp curves at the Niggemann property, one rather long curve near the Adolph Vlach tavern, a rather sharp curve at the Catholic Church in the village, and still another long curve from Railroad Street north and east through the old lumber company property..."	The route just described was, in fact, used. It is still the route of STH 102 in 2009. ¶ The route of old Highway 102 through the village was on Railroad Street to McComb Avenue, north on McComb Ave. to Fayette, east on Fayette to East Road, and north to the town highway. ¶ The highway route chosen by state engineers in Oct. of 1955 followed the railroad right-of-way through the entirety of the village. The old railroad surveyors were pretty savvy.	
10/20/1955	Businesses	BAKERY TO REOPEN? "A sign in the window of the former McRae Bakery building, this week, indicates that "Heglmeier's will open at the location soon." It was learned that the property has been sold by the McRae estate to a baker from Menominee, who plans to open it in the near future."	The old bakery building, in 2009, still stands at 744 McComb Ave. ¶ The building was purchased about 1900 by Anna and John McRae from a Fred Brady, who operated a boarding house and bakery there. ¶ Between 1902 and 1952, Anna and John McRae operated a grocery store, bakery, restaurant and rooming house. ¶ Mrs. Anna McRae died on Dec. 23, 1954, and the establishment closed shortly after that. ¶ In Nov. of 1955, Louis R. Heglmeier reopened and operated a bakery there until 1984.¶ In 2009, the two-story building still stands, announcing "Bakery" on its cornice.	
10/27/1955	Politics & Businesses	HEARING ON TAX APPEAL BY HOTEL HELD IN VILLAGE "Public hearing on the appeal to the State Tax Commission of the Village Board, who review valuation of the National Hotel property, was held in the village hall Tuesday morning. ¶ The hearing was conducted by Harry M. Harder, State Tax Commissioner, who was accompanied by A.L. Rohlf, District Supervisor of Assessments at Wausau. ¶ The village assessor originally had a valuation of \$12,100 on the property, which included \$600 on the land and \$11,500 on the building. The board of review cut the building valuation by \$1000, or down to \$10,500. This was the final valuation, which the Alphonse Mitchells, owners of the property, appealed to the state as excessive. ¶ Mr. Harder questioned Mrs. Mitchell as to various details concerning the original purchase price of the property, its subsequent sale and repossession, as to income from the rent of roofs, and from the tavern, and as to the amount of repairs, alterations and replacements which have been made..."	The two-story, wood-frame structure, the National Hotel, stood on the SW corner of Second and Railroad Street. ¶ The Nov. 5, 1955, edition of the Herald reported that the state upheld the village tax valuation of the National Hotel.	
10/27/1955 (cont)	Politics & Businesses (cont)	¶ After the testimony was taken, the two officials made an inspection of the property. Mr. Harder said his decision would be made known shortly, in a letter to the petitioners and to the village clerk."		
10/27/1955	Village & Utilities	VILLAGE WILL GET METERS FOR ALL USERS OF WATER "Installation of meters in all homes and business places using water from the village system was approved by the village board Tuesday evening. ¶ The action was taken after the State Public Service Commission sent the board a letter urging that all water outlets be metered, so that all users will pay for their fair share of water. ¶ There are about 45 users who do not have meters at the present time, and they will be notified by a letter of the board's action, and asked to make proper preparations for installation of the meters before the end of the year. ¶ Most of those who do not have meters are those who started using water shortly after the village system was installed. In more recent years, it has been the rule that meters are installed as a matter of course when the user hooks up with the village system.		
10/27/1955 (cont)	Village & Utilities (cont)	¶ The village now has a supply of meters on hand, and the board ordered an additional 30, so that there will be meters available for all users. Board members agree that it is not fair for one household to be able to use unlimited amounts of water, at the minimum quarterly cost of \$10.50, (including sewer charges), whereas a neighbor, with a meter, may use the same amount and pay a much larger amount...."		

10/27/1955	Law	COURT REPORT "Several persons were fined when arraigned in justice court in Medford and Rib Lake last week. ¶ Arlin Pautz, Medford, was fined \$50 and costs each on two charges - possessing mink during the closed season, and possessing a muskrat during the closed season - when arraigned before Justice Stanley Gibson at Medford. Kyle Smith, Conservation Warden, was the complainant. ¶In Justice Frank Yanko's court here, William Bube, was fined \$5 and costs on his plea of guilty to using abusive language. Fred Schwartzrock was the complainant."	Until approx. 1960, Rib Lake, like nearly all other incorporated municipalities, had its own judges, technically called "Justice of the Peace," and "justice court." Lay-people, not lawyers, were routinely the judge. The defendant had a right to demand trial by jury. ¶ This system of justice court was done away with by state legislation in the 1970's. Thereafter, all criminal and ordinance violation cases were heard in the Taylor County court at the courthouse in Medford. The more serious criminal cases, called felonies, would be begun in county court; if the county judge found probable cause to believe that a crime had been committed and the defendant had committed the crime, he would bind the defendant over for trial to the circuit court judge. Taylor, Price and Ashland County were one district of the circuit court. Louis J. Charles was the circuit court judge. ¶ About 1980, the multi-county circuit court districts were abolished. At the same time, the county courts were abolished. Every county in Wisconsin got at least one judge, who had to be a lawyer, and who was given the title "circuit court judge."	
11/3/1955	Church - Christ	CHURCH OF CHRIST CLOSES "Regular services of the Church of Christ, re-activated this summer after several years, were ended as of last weekend, due to the lack of support, Paul Cullom, who has served the congregation as minister, reported Wednesday. Mr. Cullom left to visit Mankato, Minnesota, and then will go to his home at Council Bluffs, Iowa, before taking another charge."	In 1973, the remaining members of the congregation voted to deed the church property and building to the village. That transfer was covered in the last edition of the Rib Lake Herald, September, 1973.	
11/3/1955	Harper Lake	ADVERTISEMENT "Sunday, Nov. 6, serving from 1:00 p.m. on, \$1 per person - a Swedish buffet and grand array featuring inglade sill, cottbullar, sylte, pototiskarf, kott, stek, stuv agg, limpa, kal tomat salat I gele.... ¶ Skall, Harper Lake Resort, Peanuts and Shirley Olson."	Looks like that's about as genuine a smorgasboard as one can get - right down to the knackebrod.	
11/3/1955	Schools & Greenwood	SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR SALE - TOWN OF GREENWOOD "Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned clerk of School District #1, Town of Greenwood, Taylor County, Wis., until Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1955, at 8:00 p.m. for the following buildings: ¶ Sunny Knoll School: SW-SE, Section 18, T32 R2E. ¶ Buddy School: NE-NE, Section 26, T32 R2E. ¶ Green Grove School: SE-SW, Section 29, T32 R2E. ¶ Green Meadows School: SW-Sw, Section 26, T32 R3E. ¶ The grounds of the Buddy, Green Grove, and Green Meadows Schools will also be offered for sale with or without the school buildings, whichever way brings the most money. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Signed Joseph A. Dums, Jr., District Clerk, Rib Lake, Wis., Route 1, Phone Rib Lake 105R2."	This announcement comes out of the blue. There was no prior coverage in the Herald explaining an intent to abandon these grade school facilities. ¶ All of the four schools were located on the north side of CTH M.	
11/10/1955	Law	DEER SHINERS FINED \$150 UNDER NEW LAW "Heavy penalties were assessed against two Goodrich men in Lincoln County court at Merrill Monday on charges of hunting deer with the aid of an artificial light, more commonly referred to as "shining." ¶ The defendants were Arthur F. Johnas and Arnold J. Strebe, both of whom live on the Goodrich Star Route. ¶ Judge Donald E. Schnabel committed each to the county jail for 10 days, and each was fined \$150 and costs. Their guns and ammunition were confiscated, and their hunting privileges revoked for three years. ¶ The jail term is mandatory on the charge filed, under a new state law. In default of the fine, each defendant was ordered imprisoned in the Merrill jail until the fine is paid, but not to exceed 90 days. ¶ The arrests were made in the Town of Corning, which lies just across the Taylor-Lincoln County line, by Don Mathei and Emery Morrison of the State Conservation Dept."		
11/17/1955	Hunting	DEER SEASON OPENS SATURDAY - THOUSANDS READY TO HEAD FOR THE WOODS "Rib Lake and surrounding areas will contribute their quota to the approximately quarter million hunters who will take to the woods Saturday morning as the annual buck season gets underway. ¶ Hunting will start at 6:24 a.m. on the opening day - a half hour before sunrise - and will close at 4:30 p.m. - sunset. The opening and closing hours will change slightly as the season progresses. ¶ Hunters get a break this year, too, for the season will last until Sunday, Nov. 27, 9 days, including two weekends, rather than the usual 7 days. The bag limit is one forked-horned buck per season, the antler to have a branch or fork 1" long or over, to be measured from the inside angle. ¶ The bear season runs concurrently with the deer season. The partridge and duck seasons closed last Sunday, as did the bow and arrow season for deer.		

11/17/1955 (cont)	Hunting (cont)	¶ Otherwise, regulations are pretty much the same as they have been in previous years. Deer killed must be registered at one of the various checking stations set up by the Department throughout the deer areas. The hunter must wear a back-tag, which comes with his license, and when hunting must wear a cap which is at least 50% red or orange, and a jacket, 50% red or orange, exclusive of the sleeves. When a deer is killed, a hunter must immediately attach his tag to the gambrel of either hind leg. It is illegal to transport or possess a deer not legally tagged. The deer hunting resident license fee is \$2.50, which includes the tag - the non-resident fee is \$50. ¶ Rifles or shotguns loaded with a single ball or slug, are the legal weapons allowed, and no hunting is allowed within 200 feet of any federal, state or county highway. ¶ Note, location of checking stations and other details as to the registration requirements may be found in the column to the right."		
11/17/1955	Hunting & Law	SALARIES ARE RAISED "Salary increases ranging from \$10-\$20 a month for 27 courthouse employees were approved by the county board of supervisors, which opened the annual meeting at the courthouse in Medford Monday, with Chairman Millard Kapitz of Rib Lake presiding...The board re-instated county fox bounties, which were dropped a few years ago, by a vote of 15-14. The county, in the future, will match state payments - \$2.50 for adult fox and \$1 for kits..."		
11/17/1955	Woods & Forest	TREE ORDERS BEING TAKEN "The Taylor County Agricultural Extension Office at Medford announces that application blanks for ordering trees from the Wisconsin Conservation Dept. are available now. ¶ Trees available in seedlings one year old are black locust and white ash at \$10 per thousand. Two-year-old seedlings include jack pine, Norway pine at \$8 per thousand, and American elm at \$13 per thousand. In the 3-year-old seedlings, Norway pine, white spruce, white pine, Norway spruce and white cedar are available at \$10 per thousand. ¶ Transplants, or 4-year-old trees, of Norway pine, white spruce, white pine, Norway spruce, balsam fir and white cedar are listed at \$26 per thousand. ¶ This year the state has placed a restriction on amount of trees available by an individual up to January 1, 1956. The restriction is to aid farmers and landowners desiring a small order an opportunity to acquire those species wanted. In the past, early, large orders have depleted the stock of certain species rapidly, and resulted in many small orders being unfilled.	Some Rib Lake farm fields have been reforested with state seedlings. For example, in 1961, Rollie and Greg "Doc" Thums helped their grandfather, Anton "Tony" Kurek, plant the old Parusek farm with Norway pine. In 2009, it's a magnificent forest on the east side of CTH C, 1-1/2 miles north of the Rib Lake Town Hall. ¶ The Thums family has twice commercially thinned these vigorous pines - now over 60 feet tall.	
11/17/1955 (cont)	Woods & Forest (cont)	¶ The following limitations on trees orders, except jack pine, will prevail until January 1. Maximum transplants of any species is 5000; 3-year-old species of any seedlings 10,000; 2-year-old seedlings of any species 50,000...¶ In ordering trees, payment must be attached to order and sent to the Griffith State Nursery at Wisconsin Rapids. No applications of less than 500 trees will be accepted. ¶ The trees are lifted on or about April 15 of each year. ¶ A restrictive clause in the agreement form on ordering indicates that where trees are purchased for commercial growing of Christmas trees (except where a harvesting of Christmas trees may result due to thinning), a minimum of 500 trees must be left to a 20-year age. Trees purchased from the Wisconsin Conservation Dept. cannot be resold for ornamental purposes."	¶ The forty, SW 1/4 - NW 1/4, Sec. 19, T33-R3E, is owned, in 2009, by Cindy and Jay Thums. ¶ The new forest is a living memorial to Tony Kurek, who plowed furrows with his Massey-Ferguson tractor in the fields in which his grandkids planted pines. Left alone, the abandoned Parusek fields would have naturally regrown into forest - but at a much slower rate.	
11/17/1955	Law	ANNOUNCEMENT "Dear clients and friends: I wish to announce that I am in business by myself with offices in the Newburg building, Medford, Wis. ¶ The partnership of Leicht, Curran and Scott has been dissolved. Legal matters now being handled for you by me will continue to be handled by me, unless you desire another lawyer. Your future business and favorable recommendation will be greatly appreciated. ¶ Sincerely yours, Clifford L. Curran, Attorney at Law, Medford, Wis."	Clifford L. Curran was born and reared in Rib Lake. Between 1955 and 1972, he was a solo practitioner. In 1972, the firm of Curran and Brandner was formed at 205 S. Second St., Medford. In 2009, you will still see the sign, Curran & Brandner, on that law office building, although Clifford Curran ceased the practice of law about 1980. ¶ His former partners were Herman Leicht and Raymond H. Scott. ¶ For many years, Herman Leicht identified himself as Der Deutsche Advokat, "The German Attorney"; he was bilingual. Attorney Scott eventually formed a partnership with Corliss V. Jensen, Frank Nikolay and John Nikolay, called Nikolay, Jensen & Scott. The Nikolays were liberal Democrats, with Frank serving many terms in the Wisconsin state assembly; Jensen and Scott were Republicans. ¶ The same edition of the Herald contained an announcement "Herman Leicht and Raymond H. Scott are now associated in the practice of law as before with offices at 160 S. Main Street, in the Newburg-Latton building, Medford, Wis. under the firm name of Leicht & Scott."	

11/24/1955	Obituary	FUNERAL HELD FOR MRS. F. HAYWARD "Funeral services were to be held at Christ Church Federated at Medford Wednesday for Mrs. Maude Abbie Hayward, 74, a former long-time Rib Lake resident, who died Monday in Green Bay. ¶ The former Maude Lake was born in Spencer October 26, 1881, the daughter of George and Augusta Goodfellow Lake. After her marriage to John Frank Hayward at Spencer on June 28, 1906, the family lived in Rib Lake, coming here in 1911. Mr. Hayward was engineer on the short line between Rib Lake and Chelsea. He died several years ago. ¶ Mrs. Hayward and her daughter, De Lorr, then county welfare director, moved to Medford in 1944, and then moved to Green Bay in 1949, when the daughter took a similar position there...."		
11/24/1955	Hunting	SOME FOLKS HAVE LUCK - OR COULD IT BE SKILL? "The hunting season was off to a rather slow start in this area, with hunters reporting signs of many deer, but with comparatively few reporting luck during the first few days. ¶ The first successful hunter to "report in" at The Herald office was Marlin Walbeck, who had a 180-pound, 8-point buck shot about a mile northwest of the Walbeck home in the Spirit Lake area. He won the prize, a bottle of spirits, offered annually by Zondlo brothers for the first to report. Hunting with Bob Sunderlin, Walbeck shot his prey at about 8:00 a.m. Saturday. ¶ Henry Zoltak of Milwaukee, hunting east of Spirit Lake near the former Lietz farm, got a nice buck at about 10:00 a.m. He was hunting with Eugene (Red) Heiser, formerly of Rib Lake, now of Milwaukee. They were staying at Fritz Mielke's. ¶ Elmer Gerstberger, Route 1, shot a 10-pointer at about 8:30 on the opening day, out near the fire tower. Marvin (Stretch) Doubek, of Eau Claire, got his first buck on the first day of his season, when he brought down a 5-pointer Sunday, near the home of in-laws, the A.J. Siroids, in the Town of Spirit. Johnny Sirion already had one hanging on Saturday.	I know the story of Herman's bear well, since Herman was my dad. He was standing post while his hunting gang was conducting a drive. From the noise being made, he knew the animal that he heard coming at him was not a deer. It turned out to be a large black bear. Dad shot it once, killing it, and causing the carcass to roll down a hill. ¶ Dad stayed on post, as any good hunter would. Ten minutes later, Herman heard and eventually saw two hunters of the Blomberg gang approach.	
11/24/1955 (cont)	Hunting (cont)	¶ ALPHONSE GETS BEAR "Alphonse Mitchell took his son, Junior, and his son-in-law, Dick Guetzloff, Chicago, to a spot near Perkinstown on Sunday and they brought back a nice black bear, at least 300 pounds. ¶ Another Bruin got into the act Friday when Herman Rusch, Milwaukee, brought down an estimated 400-pound blackfoot, near Highway C, some 3 miles north of Zondlo's Corners. This is the critter that Harper Lakers had observed plotting around on the ice of South Harper, and given the bravest citizens a second thought. ¶ This bear is presently hanging in the machine shed of the Julius Gilge farm, and his head touches the rafters, and his feet the floor. Assorted Gilges, up for deer hunting (including Bud G., who got a respectable buck) assert they refuse to tamper with him further to get him weighed. If the size moccasin he'd take has anything to do with it, this bear must have treaded at least 400 pounds."	When they saw Herman, they shouted, "Herman, have you seen our bear?" Dad replied, "No, I have not seen your bear, but if you want to see mine, it's lying down there." The other hunters respected the fact that Dad's shot had killed the bear that they had been chasing all day.	
11/24/1955	J.J. Kennedy & family	WILLIAM KENNEDY DIES "Word of the death at Portland, Oregon, of William, 75, son of J.J. Kennedy, founder of the RLLC, has been received here by his cousins, Miss Anna May and Harold Kennedy. A bachelor, Mr. Kennedy is survived by two sisters, Mrs. MacDougal (Tina), and Mrs. Muffet Meyer (Jeanette), and two brothers, Donald and Burt, all of Portland. ¶ The J.J. Kennedy family moved from Rib Lake to Portland some 50 years ago, and have lived there since. William was engaged in the railroad business until his retirement. Mrs. Meyer lived for some time in the east, but returned to Portland upon the death of her husband, within the past year. ¶ Burt Kennedy, also a bachelor, visited in this village two years ago."	Note that the William Kennedy described here is not to be confused with his uncle, William J. Kennedy. William J. Kennedy was the brother of J.J. Kennedy. The deceased William Kennedy is William G. Kennedy. To keep the various Kennedys straight, you may consult Doc. #12269, Movers & Shakers, Cast of Characters to Early Rib Lake History.	
12/1/1955	Businesses	NEW FACTORY IN OPERATION "Operation of the newly-created Lakesite Plastics Company, makers of fiberglass products, were begun early this month in the old acoustical tile factory north of the village, recently vacated by the Rib Lake Products Company. ¶ Owner and manager of the company is Glen Gums, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gums, who relinquished his position with the Tomahawk Boat Company to start his own business in his old hometown. ¶ The company will produce plastic burial vaults, complete, and plastic caskets for sale to other manufacturers for finishing. After January 1, plastic fiberglass boats will be added to the firm's line, with other fiberglass products scheduled for the future. ¶ Gums, who has been in this type of business for the past 10 years, trained at the Plastics Technical Institute in Chicago. He and his wife and son and daughter live on their farm on Highway 86 in Spirit, which they recently purchased."	The building housing the Lakesite Plastics Company was the former powerhouse for the tannery. This well-built concrete structure still stands in 2009, 300 feet north of Fayette Avenue on Tannery Lane.	
12/8/1955	Agriculture & Forest, Wood	DEMONSTRATION SET ON GERSTBERGER WOOD LOT "The farm woodlot of Ernest Gerstberger, Town of Rib Lake, will be the site of demonstrating timber stand management on Dec. 21, beginning at 1:30 p.m. ¶ The Gerstberger farm is located one mile south of the junction of Highway 102 and CTH C, then one-half mile east and then one-half mile south. ¶ The major items to be discussed will be centered around the most profitable management of hardwood stands. Other items will be concern with log grading, scaling, safety and felling. ¶ Ted Peterson, extension forester, University of Wisconsin, and Milton Reinke, district forester for Chippewa and Taylor Counties, will be on hand to conduct the demonstration. ¶ The demonstration meeting is designed for jobbers, loggers, pulp cutters, equipment manufacturers and owners of farm woodlots.	In the 1990's, thanks to the special work of County Board Member Herb Bergman of Goodrich, a portion of the Gerstberger wood lot was purchased by the county as Gerstberger County Park. The spectacular stand of trees there comes the closest to anything in the area to being virgin timber.	

12/8/1955 (cont)	Agriculture & Forest, Wood (cont)	¶ County Agent Joe Tuss pointed out that wood and wood products derived from forests and farm wood lots account for substantial income to people residing in Taylor County. Through a proper utilization and management of existing stands, the existing timber resources can continue to provide substantial income and maintain a sound economy in the county, he said."	¶ Consult Doc. #12355 to read Milton Reinke's account of his conversations with Ernest Gerstberger. Milton Reinke went on to become the chief Wisconsin State Forester in the DNR.	
12/8/1955	Spirit Lake	WARDEN ATTRIBUTES MUSKEY SUCCESS TO REARING PROGRAM "The Spirit Lakes and the Mondeaux Flowage yield more muskies, for their size, than any other waters in the state. ¶ This was the opinion expressed Tuesday night by Warden Ken Coyle in an informal address to members of the Rib Lake Commercial Club at the Dodge Cafe. ¶ He attributed the good muskey catches in the nearby water to a successful muskey rearing program which the Fish & Game Association has carried on over a period of years in Tannery Pond..."		
12/15/1955	Spirit Lake & Fire	FIRE AT SPIRIT LAKE "The village volunteer fire department was called to the Fred Mielke tavern at Spirit Lake at about 7:20 p.m. last Saturday to extinguish a dangerous chimney fire, which required about 2 hours and plenty of hard work. The fire was in the kitchen chimney, firemen reported. Mrs. Mielke congratulated the department on its promptness, reporting the truck arrived just 11 minutes after the telephone call was made. The distance is about 7 miles."	The Mielke tavern was the old Spirit Lake Hotel. It stood on the southeast corner of Little Spirit Lake where the Spirit Lake Improvement Association has its facilities in 2009.	
12/15/1955	RLLC & Obituary	CHRIST BRANDT BURIED "Word was received here of the death last Saturday at Superior of Christ Brandt, 73, a former Rib Lake resident, who died a week after undergoing an operation. Brandt was a woods boss for the lumber company here between 1925 and 1942. A brother-in-law, Ed Stamm, went to Superior Wednesday for the funeral. Mrs. Stamm had gone earlier. Further details next week."	Robert H. Knop reported to me that Christ Brandt was the foreman in charge of Camp 24 and Camp 26 when Knop worked there in the 1930's. ¶ The Rib Lake Herald also reported that Christ Brandt was foreman of Camp 27 in the 1940's.	
12/15/1955	Businesses	WHERE CHRISTMAS COSTS YOU LESS [Paid Advertisement for Upjohn Drug Store] "A WIDE ASSORTMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY ¶ FOR HER - Stunning costume jewelery, exquisite jewelite brushes, dresser sets, compacts, fine perfumes, soaps, cosmetics, imported handkerchiefs, hosiery. ¶ FOR HIM - toiletries by Curtley and other famous makers, billfolds, electric shavers, Ronson lighters, cigarette cases, handsome tie clasps and cufflinks, Parker & Schaeffer pens and pencils. ¶ FOR WEE TOTS - Playtex wear, fascinating plastic toys. ¶ PLUS - our usual fine line of cards, gift wrappings, decorations, distinctive box candies, pottery, novelties for the home. ¶ UPJOHN DRUG STORE, CHRISTMAS GIFT HEADQUARTERS, RIB LAKE, WIS."		
12/22/1955	Businesses	ACTIVITY HALTS TO MARK BIRTH OF CHRIST CHILD "Ordinary day-to-day activity will come to a halt in the village and vicinity at about 6:00 p.m. Saturday, as all business places close and residents seek out their family for a pleasant observance of Christmas Eve. ¶ All business places will be closed, including taverns, as of 6:00 p.m., and all of the business establishments, with the exception of service stations, will be closed all day Sunday, which is Christmas, and on Monday as well. ¶ The holiday weekend is expected to bring the usual large number of former residents from the cities and other communities to Rib Lake, barring a continuance of extremely cold weather, or unusual weather conditions which might bring hazardous traffic conditions. ¶ Churches in the area have arranged a variety of Christmas services, with times and observances being set in keeping with the customs of their denominations. Detailed announcements of these may be found elsewhere in this edition. ¶ Rib Lake schools closed Wednesday afternoon, and the pupils in the district will enjoy a full holiday, returning to classes on Tuesday, January 3.		
12/22/1955	Businesses	¶ The post office will close at noon Saturday and remain closed until Tuesday evening, with no mail being received or dispatched during the interim. ¶ The great bulk of the incoming holiday mail is expected to be received by then. ¶ Not too much activity is expected in the area next week, as there will be a few days of rest before the celebration of a similar long New Year's holiday weekend."		
12/22/1955	Obituary	CARL MIELKE DIES "Funeral services were held in Cicero, Illinois, for Carl John Mielke, member of an early Rib Lake family, who died Dec. 9 from a recurrence of a heart attack, which he sustained early in November. ¶ Mr. Mielke was born here, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mielke, early Rib Lake settlers. He attended schools here, and after reaching manhood, was employed at the Western Electric Company for 32 years. He was head supervisor over 250 men, and had received a special award from the firm on completion of 25 years of service. ¶ After sustaining the original heart attack, Mr. Mielke was recuperating at home, but over-exerted himself and did not recover from the second attack. He and his wife and son had visited here often at the home of his brother, Clarence, and family on Route 1. ¶ Survivors are the widow, Bernice, a son, Bob, and family; 6 brothers, Clarence; Alvin, San Francisco; Arthur, Hibbing, Minnesota; Frank, Chicago; Albert, Monroe; and Fred, Milwaukee; and a sister, Martha, in Detroit. His parents and two sisters preceded him in death."	Mielke Road is named for this family. The town road runs through the center of Section 36, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. It is one mile to the southeast of the village.	

12/22/1955	Germania & Spirit	GERMAN SETTLEMENT "Merry Christmas to all the readers of the column, and especially to all former neighbors. ¶ The weather has been the main topic of conversation lately. Monday morning was the coldest, with 20-25 below being reported. ¶ Marie Swanson returned home from Chicago Saturday morning. ¶ A large crowd enjoyed the Liberty School program given on Monday evening. The church program will be Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. Services on Christmas Day at 2:30 p.m. ¶ A number of Spirit folks attended the Christmas concert at Rib Lake High School on Sunday afternoon, and the grade school program on Tuesday evening. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lind of Spooner spent the weekend with relatives here. ¶ Bud and Marie Swanson visited Mrs. George Swanson at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Tomahawk, on Monday. They found her feeling much better."		
12/22/1955	Businesses & Germania	O. TANNENBAUM "The unusually beautiful Christmas tree gracing the lawn of the village library is a Twentieth Century Club project and a gift to us all. The Club bought the lights, decorated the tree, and is even picking up the check for the electricity used. ¶ The village crew, and the Lake Superior boys, slightly oversized elves, deserve credit for the splendid tree erected at the northern end of Main Street [McComb Ave.], and the picture window of the water plant is handsomely aglow."	Tannenbaum is Christmas tree in German. ¶ The reference to the "Lake Superior boys" are to employees of the Lake Superior District Power Company. In 1955, that electric company had an office on McComb Ave. In fact, the office shared a building with the Herald; it was located on the west side of McComb Ave. where the parking lot to Ed Zondlo's IGA stands in 2009. ¶ The reference to the "picture window" is to a painting that had been made on the plate glass window of the Lake Superior District Power Company office on McComb Ave.	
12/22/1955	Obituary & Businesses	ERNEST RINEHART, CAFÉ PROPRIETOR, IS BURIED TODAY "Ernest Rinehart, 58, a resident of the community for the past three years, and proprietor of a restaurant on Main Street [McComb Ave.], died at 8:15 a.m. Monday in St. Joseph's Hospital at Marshfield. ¶ He had been in failing health for several months, and was taken to the hospital for treatment in November, was home briefly, and then returned on Dec. 10. ¶ A number of blood transfusions failed to help him materially, death being attributed to Luekemia. ¶ The body was brought to the Taylor Funeral Home, where Rosary services were held Tuesday evening. He was then taken on Wednesday morning to Anoka, Minnesota, where services were to be held at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, with the Rev. Fr. Murphy officiating. Burial was to be in the Calvary Cemetery there.	As of Feb. 23, 2009, I cannot authoritively identify which café on McComb was run by Ernest Rinehart. I invite anyone to contact me to share that information; rprusch@newnorth.net.	
12/22/1955 (cont)	Obituary & Businesses (cont)	¶ Mr. Rinehart was born April 30, 1897, at Good Thunder, Minnesota, and was a farmer in his younger days. He served in WWI and was married to Miss Louise DeLack at International Falls, Minnesota. The family farmed in the Anoka area before coming to operate the restaurant. He affiliated with St. John the Baptist Church here, the Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic War Veterans..."		
12/22/1955	Church	PEACE, JOY, HAPPINESS (A list of churches named on the front page of the Herald) "St. John the Baptist [Catholic]; St. Ann's - Town of Greenwood [Catholic]; St. Theresa's - Westboro [Catholic]; Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Whittlesey [Catholic]; Church of the Assumption - Chelsea; Rib Lake Methodist; Westboro Methodist; Community Methodist - Spirit; St. John's Evangelical Lutheran - Rib Lake; Zion Evangelical Lutheran - Spirit Township; St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran - Greenwood Township; First Evangelical Lutheran - Westboro; Rib Lake Baptist Chapel; and Chelsea Baptist Chapel."	The Rib Lake Baptist Chapel was held at the Church of Christ building. ¶ The Rev. A.J. Hubert "Missionary-Pastor" conducted its services.	
12/22/1955	Rib Lake Herald	CHRISTMAS GREETINGS "Gene & Lilly Clifford."	The owners, editors and publishers of the Rib Lake Herald at the time were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene & Lillian Clifford. Both were well-written, dedicated and exceptionally competent journalists.	

12/22/1955	Obituary & Spirit	RAY WYMAN DEAD "Word has been received here of the death of Ray Wyman, former proprietor of the Green Lantern Tavern on Highway 86. At that time, his son-in-law, Cliff Rubendahl, was associated with him in the business, and a holiday letter from Mrs. Rubendahl, now in Poland, Indiana, to the Rhineholt Marheines, Spirit, included the news of the death."	The Green Lantern Tavern was a small, wood-frame building on the north side of STH 86. I remember it because of the distinct lean of the building. The lean was the result of uneven settling or, perhaps, the rotting of the floor joists. ¶ The tavern is long gone. In 2009, only a fraction of the once common country taverns remain. ¶ The same edition of the Herald included the following ad by the Tavern League of Taylor County: "Taverns to close Christmas Eve. The Tavern League of Taylor County, Inc., at its last meeting on Dec. 5, voted unanimously to again voluntarily close taverns at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, Dec., 24. We are asking all non-members to please cooperate. ¶ At this time, the Tavern League of Taylor County wishes all patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!"	
12/29/1955	Obituary	MRS. THUMS DIES AT MARSHFIELD OF HEART COMPLAINT "Mrs. George Thums, Sr., member of a pioneer family of the community, died early last Saturday morning of a heart attack in St. Joseph's Hospital at Marshfield. ¶ Mrs. Thums, 78, who had been ill with diabetes for several years, underwent the amputation of a leg, and apparently was convalescing well when she sustained the heart attack. ¶ Funeral services were held from the Taylor Funeral Home at 9:00 a.m., and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, with the Rev. Robert Stock officiating. Burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery in the Town of Greenwood. The pallbearers were Bernard Dums, Clarence Schreiner, Florian Turba, Frank Yanko, William Niggemann and Joseph Pertmer. ¶ Miss Anna Wudi was born in the Town of Chelsea April 29, 1883, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Wudi, and had lived in the area since her marriage to Mr. Thums Oct. 21, 1913, in St. Ann's Church. For many years they operated the farm on the Harper Lake Road, now occupied by a son, Alfred.	The ancestral Thums farm on the Harper Lake Road included the NW-NW, Section 23, Town 33 North, Range 2 East; in 2009, it is owned and occupied by Mark Thums. ¶ The same edition of the Rib Lake Herald included the following: AN APPRECIATION "The kindness and sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent bereavement will always remain with us a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts.	
12/29/1955	Obituary (cont)	¶ They had lived in the village since retiring from the farm more than two years ago. ¶ She was a member of St. John the Baptist Church, the Christian Mothers, the Catholic Women Foresters, and the Amercian Legion Auxiliary. ¶ Surviving are the husband, a daughter, Ethel, Mrs. Marlin MacDonald, Wausau; four sons, Edwin, George, Jr., and Alfred, Rib Lake; and Ambrose, Compton, California; three brothers, Joseph Wudi, Rib Lake; Frank Wudi, Milwaukee; and Louis Wudi, Hurley; and 13 grandchildren. ¶ Her parents, two sons, Dan, who lost his life in WWII; and Raymond; two brothers, and a sister, preceded her in death."	We express our special thanks to Fr. Stock for his comforting words, to the Taylor Funeral Home for its service, to the choir for the music, to the pallbearers, those who provided cars, food, those who sent flowers for provided masses, the Christian Mothers for serving the meal, and to all who helped in any way. Many, many thanks. Signed George Thums, Sr., Edwin, George, Jr., Alfred, Ambrose and Ethel."	
12/29/1955	Rib Lake Herald	SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET "Tuesday evening we finally pulled up at the old home station of The Herald office, creaking to a stand-still with a gusty sigh, like the trains that had been jouncing us for 1,000 miles of holiday trip. ¶ On our doorstep we found a loaf of home-made bread. Warmer than the bread was the thought of the sender, and to us, the suggestion that in the simply ages we had been gone, we had not been dismissed from minds. Folks who prefer a brass-band-keys-to-the-city welcome may have it. ¶ Off to a fine turn on Thursday of last week, armed with big city shopping list of such glamorous items as a specially-threaded screw for the linotype machine and some footage of stout belting for the job press, our wings were almost clipped at the Tomahawk train station. Yes, the list of our reservations had been on tab there for a month, but none of the tickets had been made out. Now \$100 worth of tickets runs into considerable yardage, which must be hand "embroidered" by the agent, and at the moment the train was tooting in the distance.	This lively narration of their train trip on the Milwaukee Road's "Hiawatha" is an illustration of the artful style of writing featured by Lillian and Gene Clifford. Just think of it, in 1955, you could still board this passenger train in Tomahawk and Merrill. Passenger service on the Soo Line through Westboro, Chelsea, Medford, etc., ended in 1961.	
12/29/1955 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald (cont)	We thumbed a farewell to the station agent, and boarded the Hiawatha, determined to intimidate the conductor with nothing but nasty old money clutched in our grubby little fists. (suppose he didn't throw us off because it was Christmas?) ¶ Blowing through Merrill, we spied a green dog house with pink window trim that would have made Topsy Clifford growl with envy. Skirting the rear of the Merrill Daily Herald building, we were surprised to note the coveralled agent loading trucks was not Walter R. Chilson, himself. (He, too, must have gotten a Christmas reprieve.) ¶ As the train snakes out of the City of Merrill, there is a delightful stretch of track where passengers at the far end of the train may glance out of the window to glimpse the front cars of the long succession winding around hills, like a yellow Disney dragon coiling and slithering through the woods. ¶ At Wausau, our ticket situation was straightened out, and the editor abandoned the thought of pacing the aisles hawking Rib Lake Herald's to excuse his presence aboard.	Let me define the term Vista Dome. The Hiawatha train had been redesigned into an ultra-modern-looking set by the famous Milwaukee designer, John Stevens. He also designed a special bi-level passenger car called the Vista Dome. The first level had passengers seated in their normal fashion, looking outside through conventional windows. Stevens added a second story. In the second story, passengers were treated to the spectacular sights to be obtained through a	

12/29/1955 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald (cont)	¶ Within the span of 60 miles, we began to travel out of heavy snow-laden land. The Wisconsin River churled, a silky gray ribbon, across the breast of the land. ¶ A change of trains at New Lisbon shuttled us onto a carrier topped with one of those super-duper Vista Domes. Aha, cried we, a chance for the well-advertised birds-eye view. A good luck at the Vista Dome from the outside station platform was, however, like a glimpse of a zoo. Practically each window was being tapped by the moppet set, the grinning, animated faces expressing all the joys of planting dome-wise. And why not? But hardly a relaxed crowd to join. By the time it was dusk, they scampered down, and we failed to scamper up, for the same reasons..."	glass window dome. The glass dome permitted individuals to look in a 360 degree fashion, as well as up. The Milwaukee Road was actually the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad. Its main line ran from Chicago to Seattle, Washington. The Vista Dome cars were standard fare on the Hiawathas taking this long westerly route. It permitted	
12/29/1955 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald (cont)	¶ Can't honestly say the "set" occupying the lounge room beneath the dream route dome was much more restful. We found ourselves surrounded by "heavy businessmen" talking heavy business. Heavily and loudly. Maybe we were just jealous, not to be weighted with "heavy business," but it seemed to us that the brightly-lighted little trees on each table, and the efforts at Christmas spirit decorations about the car began to tarnish a bit, or dim, in this kind of hot air. At least they got lost. When we first tramped onto this arc, we overheard a man inquiring if the train "juice" would work for his electric razor. It impressed us because it reminded us of the fact that the family electric razor had not gotten packed. Four hours later, the same inquiring gent stuck his head into the door and was greeted with cries "by golly, Joe, you sure look better now." Said Joe: "Oh, no, I haven't had a chance to shave yet." Even trapped on a train, the Joes remain pretty busy men. Of distinction, of course. Well, perhaps it was just as well to get broken into that Chicago atmosphere in a gradual approach.	passengers to get breathtaking views of the Rocky Mountains.	
12/29/1955 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald (cont)	And how on Earth (there is a \$64,000 you-know-what), can Chicago temperatures stand at 36 above and a person nearly die of the cold? Damp and clammy, or clamp and dammy, take your choice. Perhaps this factor keeps Sammy on the run. Propels the cab drivers through the traffic in a hot-rod driver's dream. And before we "continue" in our next travelogue, with further hazards of slipping the tethers of the northwoods, may we remind certain leaders of a universal hazard for 1956. ¶ Gentlemen, it is Leap Year. Signed L.P.C. [Lillian P. Clifford] ¶ p.s. It is scrumptious to be Home."		
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1/5/1956	Utilities	TELEPHONE COMPANY GRANTED LOAN TO EXPAND, INSTALL NEW DIAL SYSTEM "Expanded and improved telephone facilities for Rib Lake, Westboro and adjacent rural areas was assured last week when the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington announced that it had approved a loan of \$149,000 to the Rib Lake Telephone Company. ¶ The formal announcement said that the loan was for an improvement and extension of the company's rural telephone service in Taylor County. ¶ The announcement says the company now provides common battery service to 320 rural subscribers and proposed to use the REA loan funds to convert the existing system to dial operation and to add facilities to serve 136 farm families and rural people now without telephone service. ¶ The plans include a new small dial central office in the village and 45 miles of new line. Of the existing line, 37 miles will be rebuilt, 23 used in the enlarged system, and the remainder retired.	In 2008 all of our local telephone lines are installed underground. That was not the case until about 1990. Prior to that date, all lines were installed above ground on telephone poles separate from electric poles. The Rib Lake Telephone Company was privately owned by the Eckhoff family until approx. 1985. ¶ The Eckhoffs had an attractive telephone company office building and service facility constructed at the northeast corner of Ella Street and Fayette Ave.	
1/5/1956 (cont)	Utilities (cont)	¶ John W. Eckhoff, president of the company, who is associated with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eckhoff, in its operation, conferred with engineers in Madison. He said Wednesday that work on the project, which is expected to take most of the summer, will be started as soon as weather permits."	The office was open five days a week and manned by helpful, friendly people. You could stop there and pay your telephone bill and, for example, obtain an extra phone book. With the sale of the telephone company, its new corporate owners decided to close that office. In 2008, the current owners of the utility is "Citizens Communication Company" doing business as Frontier Telephone Company. If you want to reach them you must use, how appropriately, the telephone or stop at its Rhinelander office.	

1/5/1956	Rib Lake Herald	SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET "Let's see now - when we left off with our travel notes last week we had just transferred from a dizzy train ride to dizzy taxi ride in Chicago, city of bright lights and dimwits. City of Noise, where the echoes of trollies, subways, elevated trains, planes and sirens is born in the woosh of a great sigh from Lake Michigan, and the very grime in the air hits with a gritty sound. Somewhere, crimes tinkle feebly, being Christmas tide, and the indistinguishable tune must surely be "Let Nothing You Dismay." ¶ Ears tingling, we found even the plumbing at one of the best hotels to gurgle distractingly, like the ghost of Christmas past. ¶ With a night's layover in Chicago, we ventured forth, recklessly, to view the famed windows of Marshall Fields. Teeth clattering in a Chicago low of 36 degrees, we flattened our noses against the panes to receive the warmth that weary waifs always come by - in all the best fairytales, anyway. ¶ This year, Fields presented a calendar tale of the days from December 1 to the 25th. 25 windows of the block square establishment were devoted to the delightful unfolding of the Christmas season in a beautiful home. The other display windows went	This masterfully written piece was authored by Lillian P. Clifford, the wife of Eugene R. Clifford. Another portion of the Herald identified Eugene as the editor and Lillian as the assistant editor. ¶ I have included this article to demonstrate the well-written, entertaining articles the Cliffords routinely inserted into the Herald. The "Sunny Side of the Street" was the name of the Herald office building. It was also the title to a weekly column always printed on the left side of the first page of the Herald.	
1/5/1956 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald (cont)	unlighted, the commercial bowed to the spirit of the season. The manequins in each charming scene were lifelike beyond belief, but more enchantingly so were the animals used. Little birds pecked away and twittered their wings, snowy lambs blinked long eyelashes, the beard on a billy goat bobbed rhythmically and honest, the corkscrew tales of little pigs wiggled round and round. ¶ All of Chicago thundering by would not disturb these fair figures paused in the rosy sweet dream of Christmastime. ¶ The bright, hearth-side warmth of these windows was something to remember the following morning as our train escaped the city through miles of dreary, monstrosly ugly outskirts. We seemed to be crawling at snail's pace, so monotonous and depressing were the miles of freight yards with their sea of "dead" cars, the mountains of coal waiting to be swallowed and belched forth by the towering stacks of steel mills and refineries, the junk yards heaped with rusty boilers, pipe, oil drums. The rubble of brick and tangles of twisted ironwork. Manmade desolation - enough to sear the soul.	The article refers to the Marshall Fields department store. It was a huge retail store on the north side of the Chicago loop.	
1/5/1956 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald (cont)	¶ But like all nightmares, we rode it out, and the pie-faced land of rural northern Indiana looked almost beautiful. Just a dusting of snow lay in the contoured creases of the wrinkled earth face. Men with guns stalked frequent cornfields. Rabbit hunters, it suddenly clicked. Then soon we passed the familiar herds of Black Angus beeves and the Herefords with their faces washed so ghostly white. Doves of piglets scampered and pushed among the field's stubbles, and after some miles, the Editor developed the theory that the black pork-ettes turn and turn from the passing train, while the red ones huddle and stare. Let's not ask why. ¶ We ordered pots of Hoosier coffee (strong as the Black Angus), served by beaming, dark-faced waiters, and when we spied a paddock fence enclosing ponies, the feeling of getting back home again in Indiana began to seep in. Bridging the Tippecanoe and broad Wabash, we were sure. Majestic sycamores, with their hair tousled, in a most unqueenly fashion, swept grandly down the hill slopes to the water's edge. Along the bank, black knights of stately poplars lined up to take their hands.		
1/5/1956 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald (cont)	¶ Once past the mighty rivers, all the slim streams and brooks and freshets, shirt-tailed relations, wound through the land, some still with half an eye open through the snows, others sleeping until their first burst of spring song. Apple orchards stretched in rows of hand-bouquets, a lace frill of snow at their lowest branches, their stubby trunks waiting for a twist of ribbon and hands of Christmas bridesmaids to pluck them up and carry them off. ¶ Slipping from the countryside into the city of Indianapolis that now sprawls miles out with its trim homes and stores, the Meal-a-Minute diners and the Pizza-Pie-Pic-Up shops and the We-Never-Sleep drugstores (with a wide-eyed owl perched atop) and the Town and Country garages, we had ample time to stop dreaming and get on that old city alert.		
1/5/1956 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald (cont)	¶ Temperature stood at 68, and the grimy gamin face of the city grinned boldly unwashed for Christmas. Nor would it be. Tattle-tale gray pooches, city dogs, bounded in yards of brown grass. Clipped hedges and shorn bushes stood looking bewildered and naked. Somewhere above a ceiling-zero of smog, a brave but out-witted sun slipped through a silvery beam. And the noise, aimed at high-heaven, simply hit the ceiling and bounced back down again on the head. ¶ We longed for the blanketing mercy of a snowfall. ¶ Signed L.P.C."		
1/12/1956	Westboro & Schools	PANTHERS CLAW TROJANS "Abbotsford Panthers took a big step towards a 3-C conference northern division championship last Friday night by defeating Westboro, one of its closest rivals, 38-40, for the fourth straight league win. The game was played at Abbotsford. ¶ The Trojans made a game of it for a half, but a poor third quarter in which they were outscored, 19-6, ruined them. ¶ Marv Broeske and Al Brunkhorst were again the main scoring cogs for the winners with 20 and 19, but they got considerable help from Noel Schraufnagel. ¶ The Trojans will have a "vacation" for about 2 weeks, as their next regularly scheduled game is a conference tilt with Colby, there, on January 19."	The Westboro High School team consisted of the following list of players, Bergman, Engstrom, Scott, Koch, D. Ellison, Peterson, J. Ellison and Rhyner.	

1/12/1956	Law & Rib Lake - Village	VILLAGE BOARD STUDIES A NEW BUILDING ORDINANCE "Members of the village board studied a proposed ordinance to regulate new building and repairs to present buildings at their meeting Tuesday night, and delayed action on its passage in an effort to determine the public reaction, if any. ¶ The ordinance, modeled after one received from the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, is designed to give the board some authority over new buildings constructed in the village. ¶ Its main intent, according to those favoring it, is to allow the board to prevent the construction of shacks or other undesirable structures. ¶ It would enact into the village ordinance, all of the rules and regulations of the State Industrial Commission and authorize the board to appoint a building inspector to enforce all ordinances and laws relating to the erection, alteration, repair and removal of buildings. ¶ It provides that connections for electric current or water cannot be furnished to any premises except temporarily for building purposes, until the building inspector issues a certificate that the electrical wiring and plumbing installations are in compliance with the state building code.	In 2008 this type of ordinance is commonplace. Please note that until the enactment of this ordinance, landowners could build whatever they pleased in the village on his or her own land. The village eventually enacted such legislation. In contrast, the Town of Rib Lake in 2008 still has no such ordinance. The town ordinance requiring a building permit is designed only to alert the town assessor to the existence of new construction so it may be put on the tax rolls.	
1/12/1956 (cont)	Law & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	¶ The building inspector, upon finding that a structure or part thereof is "of poor construction or of danger to life, health or property by reason of bad conditions, defective construction, overloading floor, decay, lack of fire safety, general dilapidation or other cause" is empowered to order the owner to correct such conditions. ¶ The owner is given 30 days in which to comply. When public safety requires immediate action along this line, the inspector is authorized to make the necessary corrections at the expense of the owner. ¶ The suggested ordinance would require a written permit, issued by the Board of Trustees, before any person could erect any building within the fire limits of the village or remove any building. Such a permit could be secured by making an application to the board, outlining the plans and specifications of the proposed building, materials to be used, length, height and thickness of external walls, the type of roof and a description of the premises on which the building is to be erected. ¶ Another section would require a similar written permit before any building within the fire limits can be repaired or altered at a cost of \$100 or more.	Except for county shoreland and wetland zoning, no zoning exists in 2008 in the Town of Rib Lake.	
1/12/1956 (cont)	Law & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	¶ Violations of the ordinance would be punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or by imprisonment in the county jail of not to exceed 90 days. ¶ Editor's note - Mrs. Elsa Juse, Village Clerk, has copied the proposed ordinance, which may be read at the Village Hall by any interested in further detail. We believe this story covers the essential points of the proposed ordinance, however."		
1/12/1956	Rib Lake Herald	LETTERS TO THE EDITOR "Please send The Herald for another year. It is a good way to keep tab on the old hometown. ¶ California is a wonderful place to live, especially welcome with the absence of snow and extreme cold. Sincerely, Emma Ellerman, Carlsbad, California. ¶ Dear Sir, Enclosed please find check for \$3 for another year's subscription. Sure enjoy my paper and look forward to "Monday" when I receive it. Yours truly, Mrs. Christine McCumber, Richmond, Virginia. p.s. How about some news items from the McCumber-Marheine settlement? ¶ Just a few lines to notify you of our change in address so that we can continue to receive the Rib Lake Herald. Keep us posted on your cold and snowy weather - as we have a nice suntan from this +57 degrees F temperature. Send the paper to 5520 Granite Avenue N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico. p.s. Happy New Year to all! Signed Edmer Grieve and family."	These letters are typical of the homey letters sent by expatriates on a weekly basis to the Herald.	
1/19/1956	Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	ICE FISHING CONTEST SET FOR NEXT SUNDAY ON RIB LAKE "With everything in readiness for the 5th Annual Ice Fishing Contest on Rib Lake next Sunday, only the weather can do it dirt. ¶ The competition will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a minimum of 25 merchandise awards to go to the fishermen themselves, and a variety of other prizes designated for the general public, who will play cards or eat chicken booyah at Chateau Lakeside, the contest headquarters. ¶ Hank Rosenfeldt and John Eckhoff, promoters par excellence, were assembling the awards this week. The principal prize will be a spinning rod and reel. ¶ Home economic classes at the high school will aid in advance preparation of the booyah, 15 chickens for which have been butchered by Keith Zintz. The committee of chefs, Ed Martin, Eckhoff and Gene Clifford, will go into action early Sunday morning and the savory delicacy, a realization of the gourmet's dream - will be available from noon on. ¶ Clarence Tippelt, head waiter, and a selective group of garcons, will be on hand to dispense the stuff.	The reference to the Lakeside is to the Lakeside Tavern, then located on Lakeshore Drive on the north side of Rib Lake.	
1/19/1956 (cont)	Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. (cont)	¶ The advance ticket sale is reported to be going well and good weather, along with the lake's excellent fish production record during the winter thus far, should bring an unusually large crowd. ¶ In addition to the cards at the Lakeside, entertainment for the youngsters in the form of skating will be provided, if it is found feasible to clear a portion of the ice in front of the headquarters. ¶ Proceeds will go partially towards the expense of installing fish cribs or shelters in North Harper Lake, and the remainder will go where all surplus funds of the Fish & Game Association go, towards the advancement of fishing and hunting opportunities in the area, which will benefit all of us, so says President Frank (George) Yanko."		
2/2/1956	Businesses	IOWA MAN ASSUMES NEW LAKE THEATRE LEASE, OPERATIONS "A change in the operation of the New Lake Theatre became effective yesterday when Paul Strennen, formerly of Burlington, Iowa, assumed the lease formerly held by Narid Enterprises, also of Iowa. ¶ Mr. Strennen has moved to the village and has assumed active management of the theatre, which is still owned by Mrs. Lillian Bednarek of Mosinee."		

2/9/1956	Clubs/Orders	BUSINESSMEN TO PAY HIGHER DUES AS CLUB MEMBERS "A new schedule of dues for the Rib Lake Commercial Club was approved at the monthly dinner meeting Tuesday night in the National Hotel, attended by 32, the largest attendance in several years. ¶ Under the new arrangements, businessmen - members - will pay \$24 a year and professional or salaried men will pay \$18. ¶ .. Vice President John Freeck presided in the absence of President O.R. Thompson. A special membership committee headed by Frannie P. Schaack introduced 4 new members, including Paul Strennen, New Lake Theatre; Gordon Nordgren, Standard Oil; Cliff Nelson, Taylor Funeral Home; and John S. Patrick, Patrick Shoe Store...¶ Committee appointments made by Thompson, announced by the chair, included Carl Marschke and Bob Becker to make a survey to analyze the swimming situation at Harper Lake; Marschke on new industry for the community; Verl Bokath, tourist park; and Ed Prien, John Freeck and Harold Zielke as a committee to confer with and advise the village board on matters involving the businessmen of the community. ¶ The club voted to sponsor a forestry scholarship for a high school student at the Trees for Tomorrow Camp in Eagle River in April."		
2/9/1956	Environment & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	A BOTTOMLESS PIT? "A successful work-bee was held at the Rib Lake dam site Saturday and Sunday, but there still is work to be done, as crews hit a mucky spot where the fill refused to stay put. It was thought possible that another day or so of work after there is a freeze, will be necessary to complete the work for this winter. In the meantime, the equipment from Medford will be used to haul fill and level the high school flats. ¶ Lunch for the volunteer workmen was provided Saturday by O.R. Thompson, Louis Heglemeier, Mrs. Nettie Dodge and Sheldon Patrick, and on Sunday by Rudy Kapitz, with John Freeck donating the coffee."	An earlier edition of the Herald had called for volunteers to build and enhance the Rib Lake dam and sluiceway. Two dump trucks were to haul fill and members were asked to bring shovels. A wooden sluiceway was to be rebuilt, allowing the water to leave the lake without washing out the dam.	
2/16/1956	Clubs/Orders	SCOUTS MARK BIRTHDAY "A crowd of about 50, comprised of local boy scouts and their families, gathered for a dinner in observance of the organization's 46th anniversary at the Catholic church basement last Saturday evening. Harold Zielke was master of ceremonies for the evening, and Rev. D.K. Marks was the main speaker. ¶ Mrs. Robert Becker welcomed the Cub Scouts in behalf of their sponsors, the Twentieth Century Club, and John Freeck spoke in behalf of the Commercial Club. Scoutmaster Wayne Bullis, Cubmaster Joe Daniels and Troop Chairman Edwin Thums also spoke, as did the two den mothers, Mrs. Thums and Mrs. Daniels. ¶ Howard Gibson, field executive of Samoset Council, presented a variety of awards to the Cub Scouts. Fr. Robert Stock gave the invocation, and Mrs. William Pendergast was in charge of arrangements for the occasion. ¶ Editor's note: The Edwin Thums family is, we believe, Rib Lake's only "all scout family." Mr. and Mrs. Thums are active in supervisory capacities while their sons, Raymond, Gregory and Rolland, are life, first class and cub scouts, respectively."	Scouting certainly contributed to the three Thums boys going on to successful lives. Ray became a circuit court judge in Wausau; Greg a physician's assistant; Greg in 2008 serves on the Rib Lake Village Board; Rolland, known to all as Rollic, is a hardworking member of a variety of clubs and groups, including the Rib Lake Ski & Snowshoe Club, the Rib Lake Fire Department, Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc; in addition, he finds time to serve on the Taylor County Board of Supervisors. Scouting apparently also tweaked their inventiveness; Gregory designed the only ski-through potty in the world - it was featured in an article in Silent Sports magazine.	
2/16/1956	Harper Lake	HASSLE AT HARPER "Dan Carstenson, Medford "firing the opening gun" on the ice fishing contest held at Harper Lake Resort on Sunday by bringing in the first fish of the day, a handsome crappie, to win the first of the day's many prizes. Carstenson's early start paid off later, too, when he copped the prize for the most fish caught. ¶ Barney Cihasky came panting in early with his lone perch, sure that his was the "first catch" but he wound up at day's end with the prize for the biggest perch snagged. ¶ Otto Gerstberger's bass measured biggest in its class, and in the crappie division, Mike Thompson, and Walt Johnson, Westboro, walked away with prizes. Lex Lenhard went home with the "smallest" fish award and didn't complain a bit. ¶ Indoor sportsmen at cards, who won prizes, included Mrs. Emma Olson, Herb Curran, Joe Stanek, Andy Zondlo, Fred Zenk and Alfred Carstenson, Athens; John Steen, usually an earnest fisherman, relaxed for the day and made only the effort of signing his name, which won him the door prize for him. ¶ It was an ideal day for Kibitzers, and folks who didn't fish enjoyed standing around and handing out advice."	An accompanying ad in the Herald provided: "Every sportsman should be at the work-bee to construct fish cribs on North Harper Lake Feb. 19 starting at 9:00 a.m. Bring your axe, saw or a toboggan. A few hours of volunteer work by you next Sunday will help panfishing in North Harper Lake for years to come. Signed Frank Yanko, Rib Lake Fish & Game Association."	
2/23/1956	Schools	REDMEN READY TO GO A-SCALPIN' AGAIN! "[A photograph of the Rib Lake High School basketball team is displayed.] Here are the 1955-56 Rib Lake High School Redmen, who met Ingram-Glen Flora in the second round of the Prentice subdivision tournament tonight. They defeated Hawkins Tuesday night in the first round, after defeating Greenwood last week for second place honors in the 3-C conference. Kneeling, are left, Bob Tlusty, Manager; Coach Willard Lambert and Joe Zondlo, Co-Manager. ¶ Players, left to right, are Wayne Tlusty, David Barnes, Jim Schaack, Ronald Thums, Charles Kane, George Blomberg, Mike Cihasky, John Taylor, Marlyn Schopper and Jim Roiger."	These were days before the controversy over the question whether the use of the term Redmen is derogatory to Native Americans.	

2/23/1956	Agriculture	NON-POWER FARMERS POSE CO-OP PROBLEM "The potential revenue of our cooperative is being substantially reduced each year by the increased tenancy of farms in our service area by Mennonites, was the claim of manager Charles Berglund in his report to the annual membership meeting of the Taylor County Electric Cooperative. ¶ "Approximately 50 farms, previously served by the cooperative, have been purchased by Mennonites within the past few years, who immediately terminated electric service upon their occupancy of the properties. Another 50 farms now operated by Mennonites are still without electric service, although located within feasible service range of the Co-op's existing lines. ¶ The religious sect subscribed to the belief that the conveniences and efficiencies of electric energy is without holy sanction. Manager Berglund further reported that many more members of the sect are searching for farm properties in Taylor County and that it can be expected that the revenue of the cooperative, from electric service, will be further reduced by heavier saturation of farm-ownership by the Mennonites.."		
3/1/1956	Environment	FISH UP FOR AIR "Conditions were normal in Rib Lake again this week after a derth of oxygen under the ice caused thousands of fish to push into the open water near the Copper Creek mouth, and enormous quantities were removed by hand by greedy individuals. ¶ A few walleyes and muskies which appeared to be in danger of dying, were removed from the water by Warden Ken Coyle and volunteer helpers and transplanted into Spirit Lake. ¶ The warden allowed those who wished to, to remove suckers from the open water by hand, but would not allow snagging with hooks or other devices and would not allow netting. He wouldn't allow it, that is, when he was there, but he couldn't be there all the time, and there were some terrific raids made at the area during the nighttime. ¶ According to Warden Coyle, several factors contribute to the "freeze-out" of fish - an over-abundance of live fish in a shallow lake, an early snow on the ice, which made it impossible for the sun's rays to penetrate to the plant growth in the water. A growing plant will give off oxygen necessary for fish survival, but when a plant ceases to grow and begins to decompose, it will absorb oxygen, the warden added."	To its great credit, the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association now prevents "winterkill" of fish in Rib Lake by aerating the water.	
3/1/1956	Businesses	STANDARD OIL [Advertisement] "You expect more from Standard and get it! For heater oil, furnace oil, kerosene, specialties. Phone 66 or write Gordon Nordgren, Rib Lake, Wis."	This ad was for Gordon Nordgren, who had taken over the Standard station in Block A, Lot 3 of McComb's Racing Park Addition. In 2008 the gas station building still stands on the east side of McComb Ave just south of the Bogumill building. Its address is 720 McComb Ave.	
3/1/1956	Businesses	LAKE THEATRE "To our many theatre friends in Rib Lake and Taylor County. This is the best and fastest way we know to say hello to our new neighbors. Although we have been in Rib Lake but a short time, we have found it to be a pleasant and very friendly town. We would like to take this opportunity to explain our new policy at the New Lake Theatre...The very newest and best movies have been booked for your entertainment...We assure warm comfort while viewing our attractions. Starting Wednesday, February 29, there will be two shows nightly and also the matinee on Sunday. We hope to see you soon and often at the movies. Signed Paul and Arlene Strennen."	This is an advertisement in the Herald. The next edition of the Herald indicated that "downtown merchants agreed to a proposal to leave their windows lighted in the evening, possibly until after the second movie of the evening is over, on the theory that it will liven up Main Street [McComb Ave.], particularly on weekends, when movie patronage is heavy."	
3/8/1956	Agriculture	FARMERS INSTITUTE SET FOR NEXT THURSDAY "Pastures and quality forages will be the principal topics for discussion at the annual farmers institute to be held next Thursday, March 11, in the high school under auspices of the Rib Lake Commercial Club and county extension office. ¶ A similar institute, with the same speaker, alternating as to time, will be held on the same day in the municipal auditorium in Medford. ¶ The morning program at Rib Lake will feature Allen Leitzke, Taylor County 4-H club agent, who will discuss "raising poultry on the farm." He will be followed by Professor Vic Burcalow, Extension Agronomist from the College of Agriculture, who will discuss the pasture program. ¶... The afternoon program will begin with County Agent Joe Tuss presenting the main points of a long-range agricultural program for Taylor County. Louis Kasperek, Browning, Taylor County ASC chairman, will present the highlights of the 1956 ASC program. He will be followed by Irwin Thorstenson, Taylor County Forest Ranger, in discussing briefly the newly created fire protection district and burning permits.		
3/8/1956 (cont)	Agriculture (cont)	¶ Farmers are invited to bring in a small sample of grass silage, mow hay, mow dried hay, or high quality baled, chopped or loose hay for evaluation. Prizes will be awarded at Rib Lake institute for top notch hay, and the usual door prizes, donated by Rib Lake merchants, will be distributed at 3:00 p.m. to close the program."		

3/15/1956	Obituary	JOHN REZUTEK, 77, DIES "John Rezutek, 77, a Rib Lake rural resident for about 37 years, died Monday shortly before noon at his farm home south of the village. ¶ Rosary services were held last night at the Taylor Funeral Home and the funeral service was set for 9:00 a.m. today (Thursday) at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Burial was to be in the Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Mr. Rezutek was born in Poland and came to the United States in 1900, moving to the farm near Rib Lake in 1919. He was married to Miss Mary Ceslik at Boston, Massachusetts, Sept. 25, 1906. He was a member of the Catholic Foresters and St. John the Baptist congregation. ¶ Surviving are the widow, three daughters, Rose, Mrs. John Scourtes; Sophia, Mrs. Sam Dacaro; and Bernice, Mrs. Ted Phil; all of Chicago; 4 sons, Stanley, Rib Lake; and Walter, Leo and Joe, all of Chicago; two sisters and a brother in Poland and another brother, Peter, Route 1, and 18 grandchildren. Three children preceded him in death."		
3/15/1956	Law	JUSTICE HAS TWO SESSIONS "Robert J. Maier, Chelsea, was fined \$10 and costs by Justice of the Peace Frank Yanko, presiding in court in the village hall Tuesday night, on a charge of violating the village arterial regulation. Marshall Herb Curran was the complainant. ¶ Justice Yanko also presided at a "John Doe" hearing conducted in the village hall Monday night by District Attorney Raymond H. Scott, at which a number of witnesses testified. The purpose of the hearing was not made public. A hearing of this nature is not open to the public and is in the nature of an investigatory procedure, which no doubt later will result in the issue of one or more warrants."		
3/29/1956	Schools	SCHOOL FLATS FILLED "Filling in of the high school flats to make it suitable for a first class baseball diamond was completed on Tuesday afternoon after two village trucks, and four operated by the Mueller Brothers from Medford, hauled steadily for nearly two days. ¶ It is planned to use the field both for high school baseball and other recreational activities and for whatever league baseball is played in the community this summer."	"The Flats" were created by filling the wetland south of Fayette Ave. In 2009, it is the site of the baseball field.	
4/5/1956	Politics	KEFAUVER TRIMS IKE IN TAYLOR COUNTY "Rural Taylor County showed its Democratic inclinations in Tuesday's presidential delegate balloting, when it gave 1,150 votes to the slate supporting Senator Estes Kefauver, Democratic aspirant, as compared to only 969 for President Eisenhower and 80 for the "favorite son" slate headed by John Chapple of Ashland..."		
4/19/1956	Politics	SATCH IS RE-ELECTED "Millard Kapitiz, supervisor from the Village of Rib Lake, was elected chairman of the Taylor County Board of Supervisors for the 10th consecutive year, at the board's spring meeting, which opened Tuesday in the Medford courthouse."		
4/19/1956	Church - Lutheran - St. Johns	REV. SITZ DEAD "The Rev. A.P. Sitz, 67, a former pastor of St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church, died last Friday at his home on the campus of the Northwestern College at Watertown, where he had been a professor of history and German for the past 30 years. ¶ Born in New York Mills, Minnesota, the Rev. Mr. Sitz was ordained in the ministry after graduation from the old Wauwatosa Theological Seminary. He served a number of pastorates, coming here in 1919 from Tomahawk and serving the local congregation until 1923, when he answered a call to Fox Lake..."		
4/26/1956	Schools	A CHRONOLOGY OF THE RIB LAKE SCHOOL FOREST BY KEITH ZINTZ [Keith Zintz is described as the agriculture and forestry instructor, Rib Lake High School] "In the year 1945 the Rib Lake schools began a search for a suitable tract of land which could be used for a school forest. The school was beginning to feel the need for such a tract of land to increase its ability to teach conservation and related subjects. ¶ With the aid of platbooks, county maps and the county agent, Mr. Carl Zoerb, a tract of land belonging to Taylor County lying along the so-called "Westboro shortcut road" was selected to be the ideal parcel for a school forest. The parcel offered nearness to the school, had a creek through it, and had need for the many aspects of school forest management. ¶ Rib Lake schools were given permission to use this parcel of land by the county, and the first platting was done on this land in 1946 under the direction of the High School Agricultural class, supervised by Mr. Keith Zintz. This planting consisted of 200 white pine and 300 Norway pine trees.	The Rib Lake School Forest is an exceptionally beautiful and diverse one. Its glacial hills are covered with a healthy forest canopy. Beginning in 1983, the Rib Lake Ski & Snowshoe Club - in conjunction with the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, constructed a beautiful system of non-motorized trails throughout the forest.	
4/26/1956 (cont)	Schools (cont)	¶ Each additional year after 1946 300 trees were planted in this parcel of land with the exception of the year 1951. In 1951 6000 Norway pine were planted in a furrowed field. The entire high school, again under the direction of Mr. Zintz, made a field day for planting the 6000 Norway pine. Further checks showed a 90% survival for this large project. ¶ The year 1951 also showed that the white pine was starting to suffer from blister rust. School boys, under the direction of Mr. Depta of the Federal Forestry Division, spent many hours removing gooseberry bushes, to help destroy the blister rust. The problem still remains a serious one for the forest. The school by the year 1952, was beginning to get a great deal of use out of the forest resources. However, the students and teachers were beginning to get a little disheartened about the whole project, since that much time and effort was being put into forest land that we did not own. It was the general feeling that to continue we should try to obtain the rights to the land in order to reap the rewards of our efforts.		

4/26/1956 (cont)	Schools (cont)	¶ In the early spring of 1955, a meeting was held at Rib Lake. At this meeting were the Taylor County Forestry Committee, members of the school board of the joint school district 1, Rib Lake, Joe Tuss, Taylor County Agent, Milton Reinke, district forester, Fred Trenk, University of Wisconsin Extension forester, Robert Becker, principal, Rib Lake Schools, and Keith Zintz, the school's agriculture instructor. The purpose of the meeting was to ascertain whether or not the Taylor County Forestry Committee would consider selling the land to the Rib Lake schools. ¶ The forest area was toured on snowshoes and the problems discussed. The area around the original 80 acres also belongs to the county, consisting of 200 acres all told. The entire 200-acre tract, after deliberation, was purchased from the county for the Rib Lake School Forest."		
5/10/1956	Schools	27 TO GET DIPLOMAS AT RIB LAKE'S 1956 GRADUATION RITES "Graduation exercises for the 1956 class of Rib Lake High School will be held Wednesday, May 16, at 8:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. ¶ A class of 27 will receive their diplomas. ¶ The Rev. Douglas K. Marks will deliver the invocation and benediction and addresses will be delivered by Avis Kohn, valedictorian; Darrell Radtke, salutatorian, and Karen Kopfhamer, Jeanette Steinman, and Ronald Rusch, honor students. ¶ Musical numbers will be presented by Darrell Radtke, Nancy Frombach, and Caroline Hengst. ¶ Most of the available seating again has been reserved for friends and relatives of the graduates, and admission will be by ticket, as it has in the past. ¶ Special requests for tickets may be channeled through the office of Principal Robert C. Becker and will be honored after class members' wishes have been filled. ¶ The class motto is "Tonight we launch - Where shall we anchor?" The colors are blue and silver, and the class flower is the carnation.		
5/10/1956 (cont)	Schools (cont)	¶ Members of the class are Carol C. Anderson, Ilene F. Anderson, Eva S. Bieniek, James H. Blair, Michael B. Cihasky, Nancy J. Frombach, Marlene M. Hohn, Caroline J. Hengst, Edward D. Johnson, Charles E. Kane, June J. Klemm, Avis J. Kohn, Karen M. Kopfhamer and Darrell D. Mielke. ¶ Also Darrell L. Radtke, Ronald G. Rusch, Wayne J. Schabel, Phillip S. Scheller, Marilyn A. Schopper, Arnold C. Siroin, Audrey L. Steare, Erwin F. Steen, Jeanette E. Steinman, Leroy H. Thieme, Ronald B. Thums, Robert L. Thustly and Delores M. Yanko."		
5/10/1956	Health	MORE POLIO VACCINE "A shipment of the Sauk polio vaccine sufficient to take care of first and fourth grade students and expectant mothers is expected in the county in about two weeks, according to county nurse Esther Wilson. ¶ Children outside of the first and fourth grades desiring the vaccine should write to their physician, requesting same. The physician can obtain vaccine and give it in his office."	The polio vaccine: what a God-send!!!	
5/17/1956	Obituary & Greenwood	ROBERT R. FRANZ, 75, GREENWOOD FARMER, TO BE BURIED TODAY "Robert R. Franz, 75, an early Town of Greenwood farmer, died at 10:45 p.m. Monday at his home after an illness of two years. ¶ Funeral services were to be held this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Town of Greenwood with burial in the church cemetery. ¶ Mr. Franz was born in Germany on Oct. 28, 1880, the son of Edward and Lena Widtkie Franz and came to the United States with his parents when he was still an infant. He was married to Miss Anna Scheithauer at St. Peters Church on May 7, 1907, and had farmed until his illness. He was a member of St. Peters congregation. ¶ Surviving are the wife, four daughters, Anna, Mrs. Victor Meyer; and Lillian, Mrs. Roy Hippe, both of the Town of Greenwood; Irma, Mrs. William Hippe, Millville, Minnesota; and Ruth, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Milwaukee; five sons, Charles, Edward, Albert, Fred and Melvin, all of the Town of Greenwood, and 14 grandchildren."		
5/17/1956	Camp Forest Springs & People	REV. RICHARD W. NEALE ""Adventure cavalcade," a blend-a-nature film classics, magical illustrations and other features will be presented in a program every night directed by the Rev. Richard W. Neale of Wheaton, Illinois, at the Rib Lake Baptist Chapel in the Church of Christ building from Sunday through Friday of next week at 7:30 o'clock. ¶ Highlighted on each program will be a sing-spiration, audience participation contest, scripture illustrated by "Black light," oil painted bible scenes. Admission is free at all meetings. ¶ The director of these meetings is president of the Youth Gospel Crusade, Inc., a missionary organization with headquarters in Wheaton, whose field staff serve churches of all evangelical denominations from coast to coast."	Pastor Neale would go on to found Camp Forest Springs. In 2008, the administration building at Camp Forest Springs is named the Neale Lodge after Pastor Neale. In 2008 Camp Forest Springs is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Staffed by wonderful, unselfish, generous people, Camp Forest Springs is an unparalleled asset to Rib Lake.	

5/24/1956	Harper Lake & Businesses	CARLSON'S SWEET SPOT "By the old swimming pool on South Harper Lake. Now open for summer season. Cottages - boats - bait - dairy products - staple groceries. Sunday and holiday service. Alin and Selma Carlson, Phone 95R."	This delightful, small, combination residence-store stood on what is now Rustic Road 1 where the boat landing enters South Harper Lake in 2008. It consisted of a small wood-frame building. It was located immediately to the south of the South Harper Lake bathing beach. It was truly a delightful, Mom & Pop operation. Robert Cherney told me today, August 2, 2008, that the Carlsons also owned and operated four cottages across the road on North Harper Lake. ¶ The Carlsons went out of business in the 1970's, and the land was purchased by the Town of Rib Lake for additional space for the bathing beach and boat launch. The building was purchased by the Cihasky family and towed to the south end of South Harper Lake, where it has been remodeled into a delightful cottage.	
6/7/1956	Environment & Spirit Lake	"FREEZE OUT" KILL "Satch Kapitz reported Tuesday evening that he had received definite assurance that Rib Lake, Chelsea Lake and Spirit Lake will not be classified as "freeze out waters" by the State Conservation Commission and thus be opened to dip netting through the ice. ¶ Kapitz, along with Charles Johnson, Town of Taft, and Reiney Edenhauer, Chelsea, had represented Taylor County at the two-day state Conservation Congress in Madison. ¶ He said the delegations of the congress voted for the "home rule" principle on proposed regulations, and recommend that the commission follow the wishes of the local community on problems which affect only one locality."		
6/7/1956	Harper Lake & Businesses	SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM PLANNED AT HARPER LAKE "A program for the improvement of the Harper Lake beach and establishment of the summer program of supervised swimming there, was approved by members of the Rib Lake Commercial Club. ¶ The members approved an expenditure of not to exceed \$300, with a portion to be paid from a dormant Red Cross fund, if possible, for the employment of a qualified person to act as swimming instructor and lifeguard on a part-time basis. ¶ To further facilitate the program, members of the club were to meet at the beach last evening to move the old pier, now dangerous, while another group was to form in the village and start construction of a floating pier, or diving raft, which will be anchored out in deeper water.	Rib Lakers are blessed with a variety of quality swimming lakes. The beach at South Harper is among the best. If you swim out to the islands, loons can be your aquatic partners.	
6/7/1956 (cont)	Harper Lake & Businesses (cont)	¶ The action was taken on the recommendation of a committee composed of Bob Becker and Charles Marschke. Becker reported that Alin Carlson, owner of the nearby resort [Carlson's Sweet Spot] had pledged his cooperation, having already enlarged the beach. Becker suggested that in the future the boat place between North and South Harper be filled in, that a few loads of sand be added to the beach and the old dressing shelter be raised, repaired and repainted and that possibly a small pier for sunbathing and use of children be constructed in shallow water..."		
6/14/1956	Westboro & Obituary	I.P. KIGER, WIDELY KNOWN WESTBORO OFFICIAL, STRICKEN "Iva P. Kiger, 71, chairman of the Town of Westboro and a resident of that community for nearly 50 years, died suddenly at his home. ¶ In ill health since January, when he was confined to the Medford Hospital, Mr. Kiger had sustained an attack, apparently a stroke, on Tuesday. ¶ Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday from the Taylor Funeral Home, and burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery at Medford. ¶ Mr. Kiger was born on Nov. 26, 1884, in Greenhill, Indiana, the son of Marian and Sarah Watts Kiger and came to Westboro in 1907. He was married to Miss Evelyn Mahner at Whittlesey on May 28 of the same year. ¶ Mr. Kiger had been in many business enterprises since then. He had farmed and logged, operated a hotel at Westboro, a filling station and a retail store, and more recently had been an oil and petroleum dealer and distributor and operated the school buses for the Westboro schools.	The Kiger Oil Company of Westboro brought in and stored its oil alongside the Soo Line railroad, formally titled the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie railroad.	
6/14/1956 (cont)	Westboro & Obituary (cont)	¶ He had been active in civic and governmental affairs, having served as school clerk for some 20 years, was town supervisor for many years and in January succeeded the late Len W. Evans, as town chairman. He was a member of the Westboro Conservation and Recreational Association and a leader in the movement to restore the Westboro dam and create a flowage there. He was a longtime member of the Medford Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. ¶ Surviving are the widow, a daughter, Evelyn, Mrs. Mahlon Heller of Thiensville; a son, Archie, superintendent of schools at Montello; two brothers, Homer Kiger, Woodstock, Illinois; and Clifton Kiger, Kenosha, and five grandchildren."		

6/14/1956	Spirit Lake	MAN WHO FELL FROM FISHING BOAT RESCUED "Quick action on the part of Mrs. Martin Vanucha and Ray Becker averted drowning for Herman Venzke, 70, of Milan, when he fell from his fishing boat at Big Spirit Lake. ¶ A group of fishermen from Abbotsford in a nearby boat, noticed the elderly man struggling in the water, and called to the shore as they were too far away to reach him quickly. ¶ Becker, who had been repairing a coin machine at the Vanucha resort, jumped into a boat to row towards the man, but the craft had been firmly anchored and he made no headway. ¶ Mrs. Vanucha, in the meantime, swam out into the water and got ahold of the man, who, by that time, was fairly close to shore. She pushed him towards Becker, and they quickly brought him into the shallow water and onto the shore. ¶ Venzke had difficulty in breathing for a time as some water had gotten into his lungs, but eventually was revived. The Abbotsford party took him home."		
6/14/1956	Businesses	GRAND OPENING - A&W DRIVE-IN [Advertisement] "Grand opening, A&W Drive-In, Friday, June 15. Bring the entire family - you will all have fun. Family coupon good for one round of free root beer for your family group. Free balloons and treats for the kiddies. A&W Root Beer, 5 cents - 10 ounce mug - 10 cents, jumbo mug. The nation's leading draft root beer dispensed from sterilized all-stainless steel equipment. Precarbonated to enhance the matchless flavor of its wholesome, all natural ingredients, served in prechilled, sparkling clean glass mugs. Car service, take home by the quart or gallon. Come in and try our fast and courteous service. Hamburgers, hot dogs, barbeques, hot beef, ice cream, malts, floats, potato chips. Al, Ruth and Ronnie Piessig on Highway 102, Rib Lake, Wis."	This was the start of the wonderful root beer stand in the northeast corner of Kennedy Street and the newly re-routed STH 102. It was built on the northern edge of a portion of the former RLLC dry yard. ¶ In the 1980's it was owned by Jim and Gloria Strebig, who added a second story residence to the structure; by that time it had expanded into both a root beer stand and a restaurant. In the 1990's it was a favorite location for a breakfast crowd, always meeting at the same time to talk. ¶ In 2008, Jim & Gloria have put the building up for sale.	
6/14/1956	Businesses	HYWAY C GROCERY [Advertisement] "Weekend specials. Hyway C Grocery. Joe and Esther Frombach, Jr. Open every evening and until noon on Sundays. (There then followed a list of specials.)	This convenient rural grocery stood on a portion of the old cheese factory on the west side of CTH C across from St. Peters Lutheran Church. The store operated until about 1990 before becoming a private residence.	
6/14/1956	Businesses	TAYLOR LUMBER AND FUEL "We are happy to inform you that we are gradually getting settled into our new and most modern and complete lumberyard in northern Wisconsin. You are invited to stop and visit, and present your building problems. Convenient time payments can be arranged. Dealers in - Weyerhaeuser four square, kiln dried lumber. USG and Nelson Roofing, by the square or by the job. Du Pont Custom Color Paints. Mondeaux, Vetter and R.O.W. Millwork. Masonite sheetrock and free and unfinished. Roddis Craftwall for your wall."	Elmer Taylor opened this "lumberyard" in the old RLLC machine shop. Before Taylor, its last occupant was the snowfence factory. ¶ In 2009, it is Fisher Creek Pet Foods - 670 McComb Ave.	
6/21/1956	Obituary	WILLIAM BOKATH, LONG-TIME MILL WORKER, IS DEAD "William E. Bokath, 64, a resident of the community since 1913, died Tuesday shortly after 6:00 p.m. in the Medford Hospital of a stroke. ¶ He was found unconscious in his bed on Tuesday morning by Mrs. Bokath. ¶ He had been in ill health for several years, having sustained a heart attack and having been in serious condition at the hospital on several occasions. ¶ Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, with burial in Lakeview Cemetery. The Rev. A.J. Engel of Medford will officiate. ¶ He was born in Glenwood City on July 24, 1891, the son of Charles and Wilhelmina Brandt Bokath. He lived in Merrill before coming to Rib Lake to work for the lumber company in 1913. He was employed at the mill until it closed in 1948, and for a short time operated a filling station, and then was employed at the mill at Medford before the heart attack forced him to retire from active employment. ¶ He was married to Miss Minnie Montabon at Merrill on January 19, 1913. He was a member of the local Lutheran parish.		
6/21/1956 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Surviving are the widow, one daughter, Elvira, Mrs. Charles Viola, Milwaukee; five sons, Verl, Rib Lake Postmaster; and Harold, Blake, Orrin and William, Jr., all of Milwaukee; a brother, Ben Bokath, Rockford, Illinois; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Kieanan and Mrs. Emma Johnson, both of Milwaukee, and 11 grandchildren."		
6/21/1956	Physicians & Health	LOW BIDS ON PROPOSED CLINIC BUILDING TOTAL OVER \$34,000 "Bids for the construction of the Rib Lake Clinic building were opened Tuesday night at an adjourned meeting of the Village Board. ¶ Steel Structures, Inc., of Medford was low bidder on general construction, with a figure of \$27,850..¶ Thus, the total of the low bids was \$34,235, which was several thousand above the total which had been anticipated by Mel Seaquist of Wausau, the architect. The board took no action, as it has 45 days in which to accept or reject the proposals...¶ The building will house a total of 21 different rooms or areas, including the main waiting room on the north end, corridors, two doctors' offices, two dentist offices, toilets, a furnace room for the warm air heating plant, a laboratory, dark room, examination room and similar rooms. ¶ The walls will be 8 feet high, and the floors will be of resilient tile, with the exception of the toilets and furnace room, which will be of concrete. ¶ The building is so constructed that it probably could accommodate two dentists and two doctors, if necessary, although it is doubtful if four practitioners could be secured..."	See the CDs of Rib Lake History: Documents & Photos for photos of the clinic shortly after construction.	

6/21/1956	People & Tannery	THE NEW LOOK "Augustine Kofler, Racine, is spending his vacation here. He had the Mueller Brothers equipment from Medford here and is leveling off his property on Fayette Ave., across from the high school flats, preparatory to building a greenhouse."	This leveling took place on part of the old tannery property. As of 2008, there is still a fairly high hill at that site.	
7/5/1956	Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. & Environment	570 MUSKIE FRY FROM STATE ARE PLANTED IN POND "Annual muskie rearing program of the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association was inaugurated Monday, when a shipment of 570 fingerlings from the state fish hatchery at Spooner were dumped into tannery pond. ¶ The fish, said to be the last of the current hatch at Spooner, range from about 1 1/2" to 3" in length. ¶ At the montly meeting of the Association at Harper Lake Resort on Monday night, the group went on record as opposing an open season for beaver, and the secretary, Martin Vanucha, was instructed and notified the State Conservation Congress committee of the action. ¶ Details of the Association's fishing contest were outlined to the members by Clarence Tippelt, Chairman of the committee in charge."		
7/5/1956	Sheep Ranch & Agriculture	YOUR COUNTY AGENT "Sheep raising is good business. Incentive payments will be available from the Agricultural Stabilization Service office at Medford sometime this month. Incentive payments for wool lamb will be 77 cents per hundred receipt. All wool sold on market average 42.8 cents per pounds. The incentive payment rate will be 44.9%. Is the sheep business as good as mink?"	This was part of a new column begun in the Herald written by the Taylor County Extension Agricultural Agent. This is the first time in the Herald that mention has been made of government subsidies to farmers.	
7/12/1956	Church - Lutheran - St. Johns, St. Peters & Zion	REV. CARL J. KIONKA RESIGNS PASTORATE BECAUSE OF ILLNESS "The Rev. Carl J. Kionka, pastor of St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church for nearly 6 years, submitted his resignation effective July 31, to the quarterly meeting of the congregation last Sunday. Pastor Kionka has been in ill health for several months and has been unable to carry on his pastoral duties. ¶ He also resigned as pastor of St. Peters Church in the Town of Greenwood and Zion Church in the Town of Spirit, which he had served in addition to the local church. ¶ The new pastor will be asked to serve the local church and the Zion Church in Spirit. St. Peters congregation will join with the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Goodrich and be served by Pastor Joseph Krubsack..."		
7/12/1956	Businesses	PLASTIC FACTORY LEAVING; ANOTHER TO START, REPORT "Manufacturing operations of the Lakeside Plastic Productions Company, which has occupied the old factory building for several months, were halted this week, as the firm planned to move to Merrill. ¶ The new corporation, to be known as the Ever-Litex Laminates, Inc., will occupy a new building at Merrill which will be constructed on property purchased from the City of Merrill. ¶ Glen Gums, the founder of the firm, and head of it while it manufactured first, plastic burial vaults, and more recently, plastic casket shells, will be associated with Ellis Huntziker and Harold Solberg, both of Eau Claire. ¶ The firm expected to have its new 40 x 200 foot building completed by Oct. 1, and according to the Merrill Daily Herald, will start operations with about 25 employees...¶ Lakeside Plastics was employing four men when it ceased operations this week. In addition to Glen Gums, his brothers, Gerald and Robert, and Charles Kane, had been working there on the plastic casket shells. The firm has had no difficulty in disposing of all the casket shells it could make and Glen Gums has said repeatedly that he could make only a small percentage of the	The old tile factory was the old boiler room for the tannery. The building still stands 1/2 block from Fayette Ave. on the west side of Tannery Creek. Its address is 882 Tannery Lane.	
7/12/1956 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	product that he had orders for. ¶ In the meantime, Gerald and Robert Gums report that they are planning to take over the old tile factory building, and they, too, will start manufacturing a line of plastic caskets..."		
7/19/1956	Law	6 ARRESTED IN RAID "Preliminary hearings for 6 persons arrested Sunday night on prostitution charges were being conducted in Justice Bert Alm's court at Medford Wednesday afternoon. ¶ District Attorney Raymond Scott was prosecuting the charges, which were filed by state agents following a visit to the Friendly Tavern on Highway 102 in the Town of Westboro. ¶ The defendants were held in jail overnight and then released on bond when arraigned before Justice Alm on Monday. The preliminary hearing then was scheduled for Wednesday, and early Wednesday afternoon the District Attorney said the matter probably would take the remainder of the day, at least. ¶ The defendants and the charges were Dorothy Baker, being the keeper of the establishment; Bobby O'Neill and Linda Kelly, soliciting, and Peggy Kelly, Myrtle Bodensstab and her husband, Elmer Bodensstab, being inmates of the establishment. Miss Baker's bond was \$2,500; the four women, \$400 each and the man \$250. ¶ In case the justice finds there is reasonable evidence to indicate their guilt, they will be bound over to circuit court for trial."	This raid took place at a long established brothel known in the past as the Guernsey Farm. It stood on the north side of 102 one half mile east of STH 13. The building burned about 1990. ¶ During the time the RLLC was in operation, the Herald reported no enforcement activities at the Guernsey Farm, nor the other local brothels. The law commenced anti-prostitution efforts with the closing of the RLLC.	
7/19/1956	People	DALE LEWIS IN OLYMPICS "Dale Lewis, Rib Lake High School graduate of 1952, has been named an alternate on the American Olympic team as a Greco-Roman style wrestler, according to word received here from his parents, the Sumner Lewis' of Milwaukee. Dale has started training at the marine base in California, where he is stationed, and expects to go to Melbourne with the wrestling team in October. He was a star basketball player for four years while attending high school here and attended Marquette University at Milwaukee before entering the Marine Corps."		

7/26/1956	Church - Catholic	MSGR. REUTER MARKS 50TH YEAR AS PRIEST "Several Catholic priests and parishioners from the Rib Lake area went to Medford on Wednesday to attend the formal observance of the 50th year of priesthood of the Right Reverend Msgr. Gregory J. Reuter, held at the Holy Rosary Church. ¶ Msgr. Reuter is well known in Rib Lake, having served St. John the Baptist Church here as pastor for about three years, starting in the fall of 1906. ¶ The Most Rev. Joseph A. Annabring, Bishop of the Superior Diocese, and visiting clergy, parishioners and friends greeted Msgr. Reuter, who spent 40 of his 50 years in the priesthood as pastor of the Medford church. He was elevated to the rank of Monsignor on Feb. 8, 1950. ¶ Bishop Annabring delivered the sermon at the Solemn Jubilee Mass with Msgr. Reuter celebrated at 10:00 a.m., and a dinner was served to the guests at noon. A reception was held in the evening. Msgr. Reuter was born in Bavaria and studied in Europe before coming to this country."		
7/26/1956	Agriculture	ASC COMMITTEES FOR TOWNSHIPS ELECTED BY COUNTY FARMERS "ASC committees for the various townships in Taylor County were elected recently by mail and the results announced last week after the ballots were counted by a special committee at Medford. ¶ The committee chairmen of the respective townships will attend a county convention at the Medford ASC office next Monday to elect a county committee. Presently serving on the committee are Louis Kasperek, chairman; Victor Vlach, vice chairman; and Steve Olah, Town of Rib Lake member. ¶ Elected as members of the local committees in the nearby township, in order of chairman, vice chairman, member and first and second alternates were: ¶ Rib Lake - Steve Olah, Ray Turba, Kenneth Hein, Ernest Budimlja, Geoge Zondlo. ¶ Greenwood - John Fuchs, Walter Dassow, Frank Matyka, Clarence Schreiner, Gil Wenzel. ¶ Westboro - Ronald Andree, Richard Rindt, Jr., Carl Peterson, Gunnar Nelson and Regis Niggemann."		
7/26/1956	Businesses	NEW LAKE THEATRE DARK "The New Lake Theatre closed its doors Tuesday night, as Paul Strennen, who had operated it since spring, ceased operations and returned to his former home in Iowa. Strennen said he was leaving at the request of the owner, Mrs. Lillian Bednarek, of Mosinee."	By 1956, most homes had a television set. Built in 1946, the new Rib Lake movie theatre was attractive, well-designed and comfortable. While it struggled on for almost another decade, the New Lake Theatre was doomed.	
7/26/1956	Law & Rib Lake - Village	VILLAGE OFFICERS TO BE "POLICEMEN" "The job of village marshal was abolished and a charter ordinance approved by the village board, and in its stead a police department was created. ¶ When the ordinance becomes effective, 60 days after its official publication, Marshall Herb Curran will be designated as the "Chief of Police" and Marshall George Hoffman will be a "Policeman." ¶ The change was made at Curran's suggestion, to facilitate the handling of traffic cases. Under the state law, only a "Chief of Police" or a judge is allowed to accept bail for minor offenses. In the case of an arrest late at night, an ordinary marshal has no authority to release the defendant on bail, but must try to make arrangements to hold court immediately. ¶ Under the new system, with the chief allowed to set bail, the defendant can be arraigned in court at a time convenient to all..."	On August 1, 2008, the Star News announced that Daniel Kraschnewski will become the Chief of Police for the Village of Rib Lake. He succeeds Roger Engel, who resigned. Perhaps the longest serving police chief in Rib Lake's history was George Thums, Sr., the father of Gary Thums, Jr.. Among the duties of the Chief of Police was to blow the village siren to mark the 9:00 p.m. curfew. Gary, Jr., reported to me that he loved doing that job for his father.	
7/26/1956	Businesses	SINCLAIR STATION LEASED "The newly erected Sinclair Filling Station at the corner of Main [McComb Ave.] Street and Highway 102 has been leased for operation by Richard Gordon, son of Ed Gordons, Route 1. The grand opening is expected in about a month, pending completion of final redecorating of the interior and the building. Gas service will begin this weekend, however. ¶ Gordon has been employed at Walworth by the Perfect Steel Corporation since his discharge from the Army in 1952. He and his wife moved here this Monday, and will make their home in CTH C in a house owned by Lester Ewaldt."	In 2008 the gas station is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Greg and Cindy Hanke. The station was built on the former site of the RLLC store, and, previously, the Nick Clerf blacksmith shop.	
8/14/1956	Businesses	ANNOUNCEMENT - SUNDERLIN'S DRI-GAS SERVICE AND APPLIANCE COMPANY "Goes into business this week handling nationally known and proven gas appliances, low cost dri-gas, the all purpose fuel - in tank or bulk. ¶ Our new bulk truck is ready to service you with home heating unit. Consult us on the installation of gas furnaces and space heaters. Select and enjoy the comforts of such dri-gas appliances as the Roper Range, Penfield water heater, Peerless spaceheater, Reznor furnace. ¶ For your convenience, our headquarters remain at the Gamble Store, Phone 25, or write the Gamble Store for Sunderlin Services. Ernest Sunderlin, Manager."	Ernest "Ernie" Sunderlin operated a propane gas service business in Rib Lake for many years. He retired about 1980 and moved to Arkansas. ¶ The Gamble Store was the former Taylor Hardware building located at 940 McComb Ave. In 2008 the building still stands and is occupied by a music store. It occupies Lot 9, Block A of McComb's Racing Park Addition.	
8/23/1956	Rusch	BARBARA ANN RUSCH-NEAL HABECK WED IN LUTHERAN CHURCH "Miss Barbara Ann Rusch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Radtke, became the bride of Neal A. Habeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Habeck, Medford, Saturday at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church..."		
8/23/1956	Schools & Rib River Valley	RIB RIVER TERM SET "The Rib River school will open next Monday, August 27, with Mrs. Margaret Stauner and Miss Lorraine Lemke returning again as teachers, according to Clarence Schreiner, district clerk. Phillip Ziembo is district treasurer and Elmer Freiboth is the director."	The two-room, Rib River grade school stood on the east side of CTH C just south of the Rib River. See Document #12646 for a photo of the school and pupils in 1937. Special thanks to Mrs. Dan McCluskey, Joan, and Mrs. Pat Gojmerac, for loaning me the photo.	

8/30/1956	Businesses	TAYLOR FUNERAL SERVICE "An announcement... We are pleased to announce the addition, on a full-time basis, of Mr. Kenneth Mannel, licensed funeral director and embalmer, formerly with the Schmidt and Bartelt Funeral Home of Milwaukee, to the staff of Taylor Funeral Service, Rib Lake, Phone 80, to facilitate and maintain the increase in business in our profession."	Ken Mannel went on to own and operate the local funeral home for many years. Ken and his wife, Ruth, in 2008, continue to live in rural Rib Lake. For many years Ken served as a progressive member of the Taylor County Board of Supervisors. He played a crucial role in the county acquisition of Wood Lake County Park.	
9/13/1956	Health & Politics	TOWN VOTERS REJECT CLINIC PLAN "Town of Rib Lake turned thumbs down on the proposal to assist the Village of Rib Lake in construction of a medical clinic building in a special referendum held in connection with Tuesday's primary. ¶ The vote was 51 against the proposal to raise not more than \$12,000 plus interest over a 5-year period and 46 in favor. ¶ The town voters had favored a mill and half levy over a 10-year period by a 4-1 vote in a referendum held two years ago, but changed their minds on the new proposal, which would limit the extra tax levy to 5 years. This plan was necessary to put the proposal under the war memorial statute, and buildings thus erected must be paid for in 5 years. ¶ The Village Board has been marking time on the proposed \$36,000 clinic building pending the town referendum.."		
9/27/1956	Obituary & Businesses	MRS. P.E. MARCUS BURIED IN CHICAGO "Mrs. Hattye Marcus, about 70, wife of a pioneer department store owner in Rib Lake, P.E. Marcus, died in a Chicago hospital last Thursday following a 2 months' illness. ¶ Mr. Marcus preceded her in death in May, 1954, the couple having made their home in Chicago since the early 1920's, when they sold their local Fair Department Store to the Farmers Cooperative. ¶ The original Marcus store was on the site of the New Lake Theatre, and following the closing of the Co-op store about 1928, stood idle as a business place until it was razed to make way for the theatre building in the early 1946. The Marcuses built the home on south Main Street adjacent to the National Hotel, now the Emil Miller home. ¶ Mrs. Marcus kept in touch with Rib Lake through a faithful correspondence with Mrs. Victor Kohn, who, as Elsie Wolff, clerked in the Fair Store in 1916, and through a subscription to the Rib Lake Herald..."	Thanks to Nancy Kroll, I was able to scan a photo of "The Fair." See the CDs of Rib Lake History: Documents & Photos, Document #11097. The store stood on Lot 13, Block A, McComb's Racing Park Addition. In 1946, the site was used for the New Lake Theatre movie house.	
10/4/1956	Church - Lutheran - St. John's	NEW PASTOR COMING "The Rev. Henry C. Gieschen, Jr., of Winimac, Indiana, will be installed as the pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church in the village and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Town of Spirit. ¶ Pastor Gieschen and his family were to arrive here this week. The installation at the local church will be held in conjunction with the worship service at 10:45 a.m. ¶ Pastor Gieschen succeeds the Rev. Carl C. Kionka, who resigned because of illness and now is living in Saginaw, Michigan. Pastor Kionka also had St. Peter's Church in the Town of Greenwood, in his charge, but this congregation now is being served by Pastor Joseph D. Krubsack of Goodrich."		
10/18/1956	Obituary & Spirit & Germania	LUEDKE, 66, LONG A FARMER IN SPIRIT, DIES SUNDAY "Funeral services for Herman F. Luedke, 66, who died of a heart attack Sunday at his farm home, Town of Ogema, were held Wednesday from the German Lutheran Church, Ogema. ¶ Pallbearers were Roy Larsen, Herman Semrow, Roy Meier, Luddie Sommer, Robert Andreae and Ed Andreae, all former neighbors in Spirit. ¶ Born May 23, 1890 in the Town of Ogema, the son of Augusta Thone and Herman Luedke, Sr., he lived on the farm in Spirit for 50 years. Four years ago, ill health prompted him to sell out and make his home on the Andreae farm near Ogema with his half brothers. ¶ Mr. Luedke was never married. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. D.J. Diehn, Superior, and six brothers, Carl Luedke, Ogema, Ronald Andreae, Westboro; Gutferd, William, August and Arthur Andreae, Ogema."	The then-common practice of identifying Lutheran churches by the ethnic background of its members continues. In 1956, Spirit also had a "Norwegian" Lutheran congregation. The Town of Hill has a "Finnish", and Westboro has a "Swedish", Lutheran church.	
10/18/1956	Law	ROAD CLOSE TAVERN "Padlock proceedings against the Friendly Tavern on Highway 102 in the Town of Westboro have been filed in the circuit court by District Attorney Raymond H. Scott, as the result of the recent conviction of five women on morals charges. ¶ The civil action seeking to have the establishment closed as a public nuisance, is based on petitions filed last March with the District Attorney, containing some 165 names of Rib Lake and Westboro area residents. ¶ The District Attorney filed the petition on behalf of the state, naming Dorothy Baker, the former owner, and Eva Walker, now said to be the owner, as defendants. Defendants have 20 days in which to answer the charges, and it is expected that a regular trial, with testimony, will be held before the court sometime in the future."	The petition was eventually granted by Circuit Court Judge Louis J. Charles. The brothel was padlocked. The real estate was purchased by Attorneys Frank Nikolay and Corliss Jensen, who had represented some of the inmates. Long known as the Guernsey Farm, this brothel stood just north of STH 102 in the SW 1/4 - NE 1/4, Section 31, Town 33 North, Range 2 East.	
10/25/1956	Businesses	GAMBLES - THE FRIENDLY STORE "If you want to buy at a discount, better stop in and look at our giant discount catalog right away, or ask to take it home to look it over. 794 pages - over 10,000 items. And wait until you see the big savings - even on national brands. Here's the simple way it works: check the catalog - give us your order - we'll do the rest. You have to be satisfied or we'll refund your money - no questions asked. This new service now only at Gambles - the friendly store. Ed Prien, owner. Phone 25, Rib Lake."	In 2008, the old Gamble Store building is the Rib Lake Music Center, 740 McComb Ave.	

10/25/1956	Spirit & Clubs/Orders	BUSY BEAVERS 4-H CLUB - TOWN OF SPIRIT "The Busy Beavers 4-H club met at the Max Scheller home on Oct. 13. ¶ The meeting was called to order by President Mary Catherine Scheller. Pledges to the American and 4-H flags were said, after which we sang songs. ¶ We received our checks from the 4-H fair and told what we were going to use them for. Treasurer's report was given and approved. We talked about putting up signs, such as "The Busy Beavers 4-H Club Welcomes You to the Town of Spirit". ¶ An interesting demonstration on "safety when hunting and handling a gun" was given by Duane Lind. The next meeting will be held at the Charles Siroin home. ¶ There is going to be a first aid lesson given, which some of the older 4-H members are going to attend. Some of the members are going to Phillips for achievement night on Oct. 25. ¶ The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served by our hostess, Mrs. Scheller. Signed Kathy Rhody, Club Reporter."		
10/25/1956	Businesses & People	VERNON HANKE - MOBILOIL AGENT "Complete farm fuel service. Mobil heat lite. Mobil heat for furnace. Kerosene. Mobil diesel fuel. For highest quality economical heating. Phone 62R3 or 9 Rib Lake."	This appears to be the first ad by Vernon Hanke for his new oil service, a business carried on in 2008 by his son, Greg.	
11/8/1956	Politics	MOST OF THE AREA JOINS NATIONAL LANDSLIDE TO EISENHOWER, GOP "Taylor County remained in the Republican columns, as usual, in Tuesday's election, giving majorities to the victorious G.O. P. National, state, congressional and county candidates. ¶ The county gave 3,844 votes to President Eisenhower, 2,756 to Democrat Adlai Stevenson and 45 scattered votes for the various Independent candidates for president. ¶ It was much closer in the governor's race, however, with Vernon Thompson, the Republican winner, receiving 3,378 as compared to 3,245 for William Proxmire, his Democratic opponent..."		
11/22/1956	Law & Forests	HEAVY PENALTIES FOR TREE THEFTS "The first Christmas tree trespass case of 1956 was brought to a successful conclusion in justice court in Medford where Lawrence Christman, Westboro, pled guilty. ¶ Justice of the Peace Stanley Gibson fined Mr. Christman \$25. He was also required to pay \$18.70 legal costs, plus \$37.50 to the U.S. Forest Service. ¶ Trees were cut on the Medford ranger district of the Chequamegon National Forest. ¶ Preliminary investigation of the trespass was done by Ranger Burt Chapman when, in the course of his regular duties, he noticed an area where spruce trees had been cut on national forest land in the Town of Westboro. ¶ Ranger Max Melick and Warden Kenneth Coyle completed the investigation, which revealed 50 spruce trees had been cut by Christman. The trees cut in trespass were not found immediately, but twigs from the spruce trees blazed the trail to the storage place on the Chester Raiten residence.		
11/22/1956 (cont)	Law & Forests (cont)	¶ Raymond Scott, District Attorney of Taylor County, cooperated in the prosecution of the case by calling a John Doe hearing and issuing subpoenas to Christman and Raiten. ¶ The public is again reminded that definite action is being taken by government officials to prevent theft of Christmas trees from national forest lands."		
11/29/1956	Fire & Agriculture	YOUTH SAVES FARMER FROM BURNING BARN "Fire, which apparently was ignited through faulty electrical wiring or a jeep transformer, destroyed a barn on the Henry Pipkorn farm, about a mile and a half east of Westboro last Friday morning. ¶ Glen Leischer, 20, pulled Pipkorn from the burning building after he was overcome. ¶ It was the first run the Westboro Fire Dept. had made in about 2 years, but the building was beyond saving when the fire truck arrived, Chief Norman Rhymer reported. ¶ One heifer was burned to death but Pipkorn was able to save about 15 other cows, although a few were burnt slightly before he was overcome by smoke and heat. Young Leischer, who happened to be passing the farm in his car, pulled Pipkorn out of the burning building after he was overcome near the door. He then went to the nearby farm and phoned the fire department. ¶ The building, with its hay crop, equipment and tools, was a total loss, which will run into several thousand dollars and was only partially covered by insurance. ¶ Pipkorn had attempted to start his jeep after the 24 below zero weather of the night before, and had been away from the vehicle only a short time when the building burst into flames.."		
11/26/1956	Church - Lutheran - St. John's & Clubs/Orders	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLUB "Organization of the Christian Education Club at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church was effected recently, when members of the Dorcas Society disbanded the group in favor of a club which will include both men and women, as well as young people, interested in Bible study. Visitors will be welcomed at all meetings. Officers of the new group are Mrs. Clarence Mielke, president; Mrs. Charles Kalk, vice president; Mrs. Herman Batzer, secretary; and Mrs. Ernest Juse, treasurer."		

11/29/1956	Environment & Forests/Wood & Politics	TREE BLANKS HERE "The 1957 tree order blanks from the Conservation Department are available at county extension office in Medford. Farmers and landowners interested in planting trees are urged to acquire an order blank early, as the demand for trees is expected to exceed the supply. ¶ To give all requests an opportunity to receive ordered trees, the Conservation Department has set a maximum of trees that can be ordered at any one time up to Feb. 1, 1957. They include a maximum of 5,000 transplants, 10,000 three-year-old seedlings and 50,000 two-year-old seedlings for any one individual. ¶ Trees available include the following: one-year-old black locust and white pine, \$11 per thousand; two-year-old jack pine and Norway pine, \$8 per M; two-year-old elm, \$14 per M; three-year-old Norway pine, white spruce, white pine and white cedar, \$10 per M. ¶ The transplants available are three-year-old Norway pine, \$24 per M, and four-year-old Norway pine, white spruce, white pine, norway spruce, balsam fir and white cedar, each \$27 per M. ¶ Tuss reports that the requests for order blanks has tripled over those of a year ago.	Note that the federal government is now financially subsidizing the planting of trees on private land. Such federal, and later state, programs continued until about 2000 and resulted in many new Rib Lake forests; for example, in 1972 I planted in pine and spruce the old pasture of Anna and Stanley Dyrz, the SE 1/4 - NE 1/4, Section 13, Town 32 North, Range 2 East, Town of Greenwood. By 2008 the land has produced two successful commercial thinnings of forest products, while the residual stand of confers are thriving. I	
11/29/1956 (cont)	Environment & Forests/Wood & Politics (cont)	¶ Trees to be planted under the soil bank program will be processed through the Taylor County ASC (Agricultural Soil Conservation) office located in the Farmer's Union building. Another alternative for farmers and landowners interested in participation under the 1957 ACP program is a cost sharing plan for which tree planting is not eligible for soil bank. Under the program, cost-sharing ranges from \$1 to \$1.50 for each 100 seedlings planted either by hand or machine and \$1.75 to \$2.50 per 100 transplants either hand or machine planted."	strongly believe there are major public benefits to government financial aid to private landowners for forestry. "Soil bank" referred to a federal program to remove agricultural land from production. Its goal was to reduce the supply of crops and thereby boost prices paid to farmers.	
12/6/1956	Obituary	MRS. MARTIN DIES WEDNESDAY AFTER 6 WEEKS' ILLNESS "Mrs. Edwin A. Martin, 57, member of a pioneer Rib Lake family, and widely known for her social, civic and fraternal activities, died at 9:20 a.m. Wednesday at the family home after a serious illness of about 6 weeks. ¶ She had been taken to the Marshfield hospital on Oct. 18 and underwent an operation for internal cancer on Oct. 26. ¶ Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday in the Methodist Church with the Rev. Douglas K. Marks officiating, and burial will be in the family lot in the Lakeview Cemetery. She is lying in state at the Taylor Funeral Home. ¶ The former Pearl Anna Skon was born in Rib Lake on March 11, 1899, the daughter of Charles and Hilma Carlson Skon, and lived here all her life. She was married to Mr. Martin on June 11, 1919. ¶ Mrs. Martin was a member of the Rib Lake Methodist Church and at several women's organizations, served as a recorder for the Royal Neighbors Lodge for many years and was active in the Women's Auxilary of the American Legion.		
12/6/1956 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Prior to her employment at the Rib Lake Cheese Factory several years ago, she had written the local personal items for the Rib Lake Herald for many years, a task for which she was well-fitted because of her acquaintance among present and former residents of the community. ¶ She had been an active bowler and served in offices of the Ladies Bowling Association, including the office of vice president at the time of her death. ¶ Surviving are the husband, a daughter, Shirley P. Martin of Milwaukee; and a son, Amos S. Martin, Grand Forks, North Dakoka, both of whom have been here during their mother's illness; two brothers, Elmer Skon, Milwaukee; and Dr. Gustav Skon, Kenosha; and four grandchildren. ¶ Her parents and an infant son preceded her in death."		
12/6/1956	Obituary & War - Soldiers	MRS. FRED LEHMAN, AN EARLY RESIDENT, DIES AT MARSHFIELD "Mrs. Fred Lehman, 87, resident of the community for more than 60 years, died Tuesday night at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. ¶ The body will lie in state at the Taylor Funeral Home until Saturday afternoon, when it will be taken to the Methodist Church, where services will be held at 3:00 p.m .with the Rev. Douglas K. Marks officiating. ¶ The former Mary Banks was born Aug. 9, 1896, in Montague, Michigan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Banks, and she was married to Fred Lehman there on April 5, 1891. They moved to Rib Lake after their marriage. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last spring. ¶ She was a member of the Methodist Church and was a gold star mother, having lost two sons, Guy and Wilfred, during the first World War. The local Legion Post was named after them when organized. Two other sons, Fred, Jr. and Henry, also preceded her in death...."	The name of the Rib Lake American Legion Post, Lehman-Clendenning, honors two of her sons, Guy and Wilfred Lehman, veterans of WWI.	

12/6/1956	Agriculture & Businesses	MINK SHOW AWARDS "Several mink ranchers from this area were among the prize winners at the recent show of the Upper Wisconsin Mink Club held at Phillips. ¶ The Magnuson Fur Farm, Route 1, Ogema, displayed the grand champion animal, a pearl female, while Ruby Heizler, Phillips, had the grand champion male, a white..."	The Magnuson brothers, Herb and Lester, operated the Magnuson Fur Farm in the Town of Spirit. It was a major, well run and successful operation. Perhaps the apex of the mink business in the area came in the 1960's when the Hudson Bay Company operated a mink buying station in the City of Medford; the city dubbed itself "The Mink Capital of the World". ¶ Another successful mink rancher in the 1950's was the Melvin Andreae mink ranch of Spirit. ¶ The mink business could be highly profitable. Even Dr. S.F. Hesse, M.D., and Dentist Mauch raised mink. ¶ A truly amazing success story in mink resulted from the indefatigable efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Bev Patrick, and son, Kyle. In 2008, their mink ranch - 1 mile west of the village, covers more than 20 acres.	
12/20/1956	Environment & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	SHEEP RANCH CREEK TO GET BROOK TROUT "Sheep Ranch Creek north and west of Rib Lake will be planted with 500 brook trout next spring as a result of efforts made by the Rib Lake delegation at the county fish quota meeting held in Medford last week. ¶ The Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. was resrepresented by President Frank Yanko, Ed Thums and Wessly Stiel. ¶ Other trout plantings planned in this area include 1000 brown trout in the Black River; 500 brooks in Fischer Creek, 500 brooks in Mink Creek near Mondeaux, 500 brooks in Silver Creek, Westboro, 2500 brooks in Wood Creek and 3500 browns and 2500 rainbows in the Rib River...."		
12/27/1956	Businesses	[THE FOLLOWING RIB LAKE BUSINESSES RAN A HAPPY NEW YEAR AD IN THE HERALD.] Rib Lake Telephone Company, the Eckhoffs; Gordon's Super Service - Sinclair products, Dick and Mary Gordon; Menning's Barbershop, Louis and Maude, the barbers; Tellier's Tap, Alta, Ed and Preston; Little Bohemia Cafe, Mrs. Ruth Stelling; Zielke's Store, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Zielke; William A. Gessert, dealer in livestock; The Gamble Store, Ed Prien, owner; South Side Garage, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Cihasky; Heindl's Clover Farm Store, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Heindl; Upjohn Drug Store, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Upjohn; State Bank of Medford - Stations at Rib Lake and Ogema; National Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Mitchell; Gordon Nordgren, Your Standard Oil Agent; The Lakeside, Mr. and Mrs. Southwell Rosenfeldt; the Little Bohemia, Satch-Rudy-Art-Emil; Becker's Tavern, Frank and Celia; Gem Products, Manufacturers of Glov-Ett Comfort Shoes; Tlusty Beverage and Bottling Company, the George Tlustys; Rib Lake Cheese Company, Rib Lake Brand Cheese; Vlach's 102 Tavern, Adolph and Margaret; Rib Lake Roller Mills, Victor Kohn; The Sport Shop, John and Mamie Haas;		
12/27/1956 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	Art's D-X Service, Art and Jane Schultz; Johnnie's Bar, John and Phil Dolezalek; Fred's Garage, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rademacher; Cliff's Friendly Service, Mobil Oil and Gas, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fitch; Marshall-Wells Store, Rube Kring's and Mel Theilig families; Smith's Welding Service, Herman F. Smith; Taylor's Funeral Service and lumber and fuel, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Taylor; Bud's IGA Supermarket, Bud & Opie (Freeck); Jeanette's Beauty Shop, National Hotel, Jeanette McLees; Sunderlin's Dry-Gas Service and Appliance Company, Ernie Sunderlin; Patrick's Shoe Store, Seldon Patrick; A&W Rootbeer, Al Peissig family; Rib Lake Fiberglass Company, makers of plastic products, Jerry Gums; Hoppa's Resort around the lake; Lakeview Dairy - pasteurized, homogenized milk at your home or store, Phillips, Wis; The Rib Lake Herald, Sunny Side of the Street, Phone 40k; Seidel's Cottages on Harper Lake, George and Theresa Seidel; Cattail Tap, Junction Highway C and M, Mel Budimilija; Zondlo's Ballroom and Bar, the George and Frank Zondlos; Harper Lake Tavern, Peanuts, Shirley & Karen Olson; Spirit Lake Tavern, Fred and Evelyn Mielke;		
12/27/1956 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	Lakeview Resort on Spirit Lake, Inez & Marty Vanucha; Highway C Grocery, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frombach, Jr.; Carlson's Sweet Spot, Selma and Alin Carlson; Holly's Resort on Stone Lake, Joe and Lil Holly; Andrew Zondlo, dealer in livestock.		
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1/3/1957	Church - Christ	NEW BAPTIST PASTOR "The Rev. Joseph Brugger of Barron has been chosen as new pastor of the Rib Lake Baptist Chapel, which meets in the Church of Christ building. ¶ He succeeds the Rev. Ivar Blomberg, who requested that he be released from his duties as pastor because of his heavy schedule as a senior in the Bethel Seminary at St. Paul. He had served until a replacement was found. ¶ A spokesman said the people of the chapel "are deeply grateful for the sacrificial efforts and service of Rev. Blomberg and look forward to God's blessing upon them as a congregation, under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Brugger."	The Church of Christ stood on the east side of Pearl Street - 2 lots south of Landall Ave. In September, 1973, the congregation disbanded and donated its structure to the village, which razed the church building.	

1/17/1956=7	Obituary & Spirit	HILDA PEARSON BURIED "Funeral services were held in the Spirit Baptist Church Monday afternoon for Miss Hilda Pearson, 82, member of a pioneer Spirit family, who died Thursday of last week at the Nickerson Nursing Home in Phillips. ¶ She had been in ill health about 6 weeks and was treated at the Marshfield Hospital before she was removed to the nursing home. She had been a school teacher and a registered nurse. ¶ Miss Hilda Ljungquist officiated at the service, and burial was in the Spirit Hillcrest Cemetery. ¶ Miss Pearson was born in Rhode Island on May 27, 1874, the daughter of Andrew and Ingrid Pearson, and came to Spirit with her family in 1880. Her mother preceded her in death in 1908 and her father in 1916. A brother, Edward A. Pearson, with whom she lived at their farmhouse on Highway 86 near its intersection with Highway 102, is the only survivor."		
1/17/1957	Obituary & Businesses	FRANK BUCKI DIES "Funeral services were held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church at Medford for Frank Bucki, 70, a resident of Rib Lake for the past 6 years. ¶ The Rite Rev. Msgr. Gregory Reuter officiated at the rites, and burial was in Evergreen Cemetery. ¶ Mr. Bucki was born in Austria-Hungary in June, 1887, and came to Taylor County in July, 1924, settling on a farm in the Town of Browning. He lived there until 1951, when he came to Rib Lake, to operate a small shoe repair shop in the building north of the drugstore, where he also made his home. He was married to Helen Symik in Hennepin County, Minnesota, on Jan. 24, 1951..."	His "small shoe repair shop" was located where Mid-Wisconsin Bank is located in 2008, 717 McComb Ave.	
1/17/1957	Businesses & Rib Lake Herald	SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET "Adolph Vlach, known hereabouts as proprietor of the 102 Tavern, sat in Chicago for his annual pre-Yuletide sale of Christmas trees, quite accidentally celebrated and commemorated a sign hanging in his store location window. It read: "for 20 years, Vlach's choice trees from Taylor County, Wisconsin." ¶ Returning to his stand from lunch, the Friday before Christmas and very near the time when he would hitch up his dog team and head back home, he was greeted by a beaming customer lugging out a balsam, tressed up neatly by his helper, Ray Maquire. The guy told Adolph it was the nicest tree he'd ever had. This welcome comment caused a struggle within Adolph's breast, in his heart, he knew that out of his truckload of 1100 hand picked trees, there weren't likely to be any "prizes" left on the 9th day of a 10-day (complete sell out) stand. But one doesn't tell a satisfied cash customer that they should have been around a week ago! Perhaps it was his tingling of pride and regret that caused him to strike up an affable "mine-most" sort of conversation with this stranger. And with the most amazing results. For next morning, Adolph Vlach, Rib Lake's Christmas tree king,	During the many years that Gene and Lillian Clifford produced the Rib Lake Herald, the first page, far left hand column, was entitled "The Sunny Side of the Street". It featured the same folksy, well-written articles as the one just quoted regarding Adolph Vlach.	
1/17/1957 (cont)	Businesses & Rib Lake Herald (cont)	was broadcasting over Chicago WBBM! ¶ The chap who was pleased with his purchase turned out to be radio program manager on the prowl within two blocks of his substation headquarters (in the second Federal building at 26th and Crawford). ¶ Bright and early the next day, our local boy was being interviewed on "how to look for a good Christmas tree." Since that's what Vlach handles, this type of advice was duck soup. But we have a terrific hunch that once his "handy-holiday-household-hints" had been aired, Vlach's suppliers went into a brown study, or possibly were left with a brown tree. ¶ After all, Taylor County can't supply Chicago. Nor are all vendors as pridefully choosy in the trees they truck down."		
1/17/1957	Agriculture	FARMERS INSTITUTE THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, AT RIB LAKE HIGH SCHOOL "All farmers and wives are cordially invited to the Farmers Institute...sponsored by the Rib Lake Commercial Club and the US Extension Service."	This annual institute was a day long affair beginning at 10:15 a.m. and running until 3:00 p.m. with the awarding of prizes. The 1957 institute featured presentations on the following topics: quality milk production on the farm, developing a dairy herd, major dairy cattle disease control, consideration before enlarging your herd, benefits available through government programs, and how to reduce cost on dairy farms. Free lunch and door prizes were also awarded.	
1/31/1957	Obituary	GEORGE P. THUMS, SR., DIES FROM SUDDEN ATTACK "Funeral services of George P. Thums, Sr., 70, life-long resident of the community and member of a pioneer Taylor County family, were held at St. John the Baptist Church Wednesday morning at 9:00. ¶ The Rev. Robert Stock officiated, and preceding services were held at the Taylor Funeral Home at 8:30. Burial was in St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery in the Town of Greenwood. ¶ Mr. Thums sustained a heart attack at his home, a farm he had occupied for 39 years, last Saturday at 4:30 p.m. He had been treated for a heart condition since last January but remained active and was engaged in chores at his farm when stricken. The farm is on the Harper Lake Road. ¶ Born in the Town of Greenwood, April 9, 1886, to Lawrence and Teresa Seidel Thums, he was married there on October 21, 1913, to Anna Wudi. The couple later established their home near Rib Lake and raised their family here. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Church, the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Holy Name Society. His wife preceded him in death on Dec. 24, 1955, also two sons, Dan and Ray, and three brothers.		

1/31/1957 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Marlund MacDonald, Wausau; and four sons, Edwin, George, and Alfred of Rib Lake; and Ambrose of Los Angeles; four brothers, Lawrence, John, William and Leonard, Town of Greenwood; three sisters, Mrs. Joe Wudi, Mrs. George Haider and Elizabeth Thums, Town of Greenwood; and 14 grandchildren. ¶ Pallbearers were Leonard and Carl Seidel, Ted Dietzler, Curtiss Patrick, Herman Smith and Frank Yanko."		
1/31/1957	Obituary	DR. CLEM KELNHOFER "Funeral services were held at Medford for Dr. Clement Kelnhofer, 81, former Rib Lake resident, and later widely known as Taylor County Sheriff and Medford veterinarian. ¶ He died in California, where he had been visiting relatives. A native of Austria, he came to the United States with his parents when he was an infant and received his early education in Rib Lake, where the family settled. ¶ He attended a veterinary school in Kansas City and in 1905 started practice at Medford, then being the only veterinarian between Medford and Ashland. He also served the county as highway commissioner and had been a Medford alderman. ¶ He was honored at the county youth fair in Medford in 1954 when "Dr. Kelnhofer Day" was observed to mark his lifetime of activity on behalf of agriculture."	See Document #12605 for a published biography.	
2/7/1957	Westboro & Obituary	JAKE LUNDEEN, 88, DIES AT WESTBORO "Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the First Lutheran Church at Westboro for Jacob Lundeen, 88, pioneer resident of the community, who died early Friday morning. Pallbearers were Oluf Borgemoen, George Odah, Carl Peterson, Lester Peterson, Ben Peterson and Robert Scott. ¶ Mr. Lundeen was born in Sweden on Dec. 13, 1868, and came to the United States when he was 20 years old, settling in Westboro in 1900. He was married to Miss Etta Anderson at Trenton, Wisconsin, Dec. 10, 1902. ¶ He is a former owner of the old hotel property in Westboro and before his retirement was engaged in logging and also worked for the railroad. ¶ Surviving are the wife, a daughter Alice, Mrs. Hubert Thies of Reedsburg; two sons, Clarence Lundeen, Westboro and Arvid Lundeen, Defiance, Ohio; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild."	"Lundeen Hotel" stood on the northwest corner of old STH 13 and CTH D in the center of Westboro.	
2/7/1957	Physician	DOCTOR CAMPAIGN NOW IN HIGH GEAR "Nearly 400 pamphlets outlining Rib Lake's need for medical and dental service have been mailed to prospects, established physicians and dentists and others who might know of prospects, Mrs. Carl Marschke, chairman of the citizen's doctoring committee, reported Wednesday. ¶ Included among those who received the pamphlets were more than 100 doctors who have been listed over the past two years by the State Medical Society placement bureau as wishing to locate in Wisconsin, and all physicians and dentists who have made previous inquiries about the prospects in Rib Lake. ¶ Many private citizens also have secured the pamphlets and mailed them to friends in the professions, asking that they be handed on to younger practitioners who might be interested in the Rib Lake location. ¶ In the meantime, the committee is assembling a list of houses which might be available on a rental or sale basis, in case a practitioner is contacted who might wish to locate here quickly..."	At the same time, the Village of Rib Lake was in the final stages of building the clinic building at 657 McComb Ave.; in 2008 the building houses Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. ¶ To view the pamphlet, see Document #12947, "Rib Lake needs a Doctor and Dentist."	
2/14/1957	Businesses	MOVIE OPENS FRIDAY "Welcome news to the whole community this week was the announcement that the New Lake Motion Picture Theatre in the Village will be opened again this weekend. ¶ The Rib Lake Theatre Company, which holds the mortgage on the building, will start operations on a five-night-a-week, one-show-a-night basis, plus at least temporarily a Sunday matinee. ¶ The theatre corporation voted to start the operation at a meeting of the stockholders last Saturday afternoon, and Elmer Taylor and Bud Freeck went to Minneapolis on Friday of this week and booked a series of pictures to cover the next few weeks. ¶ For the time being, the theatre will have no manager, with the officers of the company and stockholders sharing various managerial duties. The officers are Ed Stamm, President; Taylor, Vice President; and Frank L. Becker, secretary/treasurer. ¶ Stockholders will advance sufficient money to pay outstanding pressing debts and thus reduce the general financing overhead, which includes unpaid taxes and a note to the State Bank of Medford, plus interest on both."		
3/7/1957	Schools	UW REDEDICATES FREEDOM PLEDGE "An article notes the rededication of the famous Freedom Pledge at the Madison campus of the University of Wisconsin: "Whatever may be the limitations which trammel inquiry elsewhere, we believe that the great state University of Wisconsin should ever encourage that continual and fearless sifting and winnowing by which alone the truth can be found."		

3/21/1957	Politics	NO CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT'S POST ON VILLAGE BOARD "There will be contests in two of the races for village office on April 2, but there will be no candidate for president on the village ballot. ¶ No candidates have had filed for the top village post when the deadline expired Friday at 5:00 p.m., but there were two candidates for supervisor. ¶ Eugene R. Clifford, who is completing a two year term as president, is not a candidate for re-election and no others filed. ¶ Millard Kapitz, veteran supervisor from the village, and for many years chairman of the county board, will be opposed by Edwin Thums. ¶ Seeking the trustee jobs will be Raymond Becker, Arthur Schultz and John Schreiner, the incumbents, as well as Bernard Cihasky and Wayne Bullis. Mrs. Elsa Juse, clerk-treasurer; Henry C. Rosenfeldt, assessor; and Frank Yanko, Justice of the Peace, will be unopposed for reelection."	The Herald went on to note the following office seekers for the Town of Rib Lake: incumbent officials in the Town of Rib Lake will be unopposed for re-election, as a result of failure of additional candidates to file before the deadline last Friday. They are Fred Vlach, chairman; Andrew Zondlo and Fred Radtke, side supervisors; Lavern Ziegge, clerk; Earnest Tetzlaff, treasurer and Earnest Budimljia, assessor. ¶ The situation in the Town of Greenwood was reported as follows: "Chairman Henry A. Gebauer and side supervisors Robert Hauch and Arthur Freiboth were nominated for re-election without opposition at the town caucus. Joe Frombach was named as candidate for clerk, to succeed the veteran Henry Fuchs. Henry Klemm and Walter Dassow, incumbent treasurer and assessor, respectively, also will be unopposed. Henry Klemm and Joe Frombach were nominated for Justice of the Peace and Martin Steen, Jr., for constable."	
3/28/1957	Obituary	MRS. SCHUBERT BURIED "Services were held at the Ruesch Funeral Home in Medford on Wednesday of last week for Mrs. August Schubert, 91, who died at the home of her daughter. ¶ The former Anna Klose was born in Germany Sept. 11, 1885. She was married to Robert Schirmer in Germany, and he preceded her in death in 1925. In 1928 she was married to August Schubert at Chicago, and he died in 1943. The family had lived in the Town of Rib Lake since 1925. ¶ Surviving are the following children, Bruno Schirmer, Medford; Mrs. Alvin (Frieda) Dietman, Medford; Mrs. Emil (Marie) Schmeiser, Medford; Ray Schirmer, Rib Lake; Mrs. Charles (Edna) Michelsen and Erwin Schirmer, Chicago; and Herman Schirmer, Aurora. Other survivors are 24 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Two daughters and five sons preceded her in death."		
3/28/1957	Law & Rib Lake - Village	OUTHOUSES ARE "OUT" "Outside toilets in the Village of Rib Lake must go! ¶ That was the edict of the village board at its meeting Tuesday night - the final meeting before the board is reorganized following next Tuesday's election. ¶ Final notice that the village ordinance prohibits the use of outdoor toilets and requires that all buildings used for human habitation have sewer and water service, will be sent out to the few property owners concerned..."		
3/28/1957	Businesses	MERRILL FIRM NEW OPERATOR OF LAKE THEATRE PROPERTY "Fowler Enterprises, Inc., Merrill, is assuming management of the New Lake Theatre, according to an announcement of the Rib Lake Theatre Company, which has been temporarily operating the theatre the last two months. ¶ The opening with two new, top-notch films, "The Last Wagon" and "Kelly and Me" indexed as A-1 with Van Johnson, Piper Lorrie and a dog star (what more could anyone want?) is indicative of the high caliber movie entertainment which will be offered in the future by the new management. ¶ The added attraction of a live stage show for this Saturday night will feature the widely known Ladies Barbershop Quartet, "The Dream Beats," and a Men's Quartet, "The Uncalled Four." ¶ Fowler Enterprises is an old and experienced hand in show business; their present interests include the Cosmo and Badger Theatres at Merrill, the Palace at Antigo and the Chilton at Chilton, all owned by Lucille Fowler, president of the firm..."		
3/28/1957	Politics & Rib Lake - Village	ECKHOFF, THOMPSON, SEEK PRESIDENT JOB "Two write-in candidates for village president announced their intention this week. ¶ They are John W. Eckhoff, a member of the Village Board for nearly 8 years, and O.R. Thompson. ¶ Eckhoff is associated with his folks, the Ed Eckhoffs, in the operation of the Rib Lake Telephone Company. Thompson is head of the Rib Lake Cheese Company."	The next edition of the Herald reported that eventually four write-in candidates contended for village board president: "Thompson pulled 135 votes, as compared to 68 for John Eckhoff, 67 for Don Meyer and 41 for Frank L. Becker. There were a few other scattered votes."	
4/11/1957	Schools	TEACHERS WILL LEAVE "Four teachers now employed in the Rib Lake schools have notified the Board of Education that they will not be returning for the next school year. They include Miss Donna Etten, 4th grade teacher; Mrs. Helen Barbeau, Liberty School in Spirit; Douglas Kring, 8th grade, and Lloyd Cuddeback, music supervisor."	Donna Etten may have left the school, but as of 2008 she is still very much in Rib Lake, now Mrs. Donna Walbeck. Bar none, she is our champion walker.	

4/25/1957	Obituary & Businesses	<p>rites TODAY FOR EDWIN JOHNSON, EARLY MERCHANT "Edwin Johnson, 79, a pioneer businessman of the community, died Monday morning at the Medford Hospital after sustaining a stroke at his farm home on Highway 102 north of the village where he lived alone. He was taken to the hospital in the Taylor ambulance, apparently conscious, but relapsed shortly after arriving and did not regain consciousness. ¶ Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Taylor Funeral Home with the Rev. Douglas K. Marks officiating. Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Mr. Johnson was born in Sweden on April 12, 1876, the son of Martin and Margaret Olson, and came to this country with his parents in 1890. The family settled on a homestead north and east of the village. ¶ For many years Mr. Johnson operated the hardware store, now the Marshall-Wells Store, operated a movie house in the building adjacent to the north and later conducted an opera house located on the present lot on the west side and north end of Main Street [McComb Ave.].</p>	<p>The Johnson boys made quite a contrast. Edwin Johnson was obviously a successful business person. At least two of his brothers were loners. In the 1960's David Johnson lived in a small, unelectrified cabin to the southeast of Rustic Road 1 and CTH C. At the same time, Nathaniel, known to all as "Nat," lived in a small cabin north of Harper Lake; Nat had neither car nor horse and routinely walked the three-mile, one-way, trip to the village for supplies. Summer or winter, Nat wore heavy wool clothing.</p>	
4/25/1957 (cont)	Obituary & Businesses (cont)	<p>The Johnson Hall, as it was known, was used for motion picture, theatrical presentations, dances, wrestling matches, roller skating and was even the gymnasium for the high school basketball team for a number of years. It burned down. He also was an auto dealer. He was active in community affairs in his younger days, serving as captain of the home guard unit in Rib Lake during the First World War. He had never married. ¶ After disposing of his business interests in the 1920's, he engaged in the fox rearing business on the farm and later farmed, although he had not been very active during the last few years. ¶ Surviving are four brothers, Gust, Nathaniel and David, all of rural Rib Lake; and John, Tomahawk; and two sisters, Agnes, Mrs. Ralph St. Clair, Rib Lake; and Mrs. Lettie Ellison, Carthage, Missouri. His parents and a brother, Morris, preceded him in death."</p>		
4/25/1957	J.J. Kennedy & family	<p>MR. KENNEDY, MISS ARKOLA ARE MARRIED "Miss Audrey L. Arkola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Arkola, Westboro, became the bride of Wallace F. Kennedy, Chicago, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy, Battle Creek, Michigan, last Saturday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. ¶...The couple make their home in Chicago, where both are employed, the bride with the Chicago Northwestern Railroad and the groom with the Sang Company..."</p>		
4/25/1957	Obituary & Businesses & Ole A. Peterson	<p>MRS. NETTIE DODGE, LONG A RESTAURANT OPERATOR, STRICKEN "Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church on Monday for Mrs. Charles Dodge, 69, a lifetime resident of this community, who died Friday morning at the Medford Hospital. ¶ The Rev. Douglas K. Marks officiated, and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Albert Goodman, George Seidel, Ed Prien, and C.R. Claussen, all of Rib Lake, Carl Nelson, Medford, and E.L. Allman, Phillips. ¶ The former Nettie Peterson was born in the Town of Spirit on July 27, 1887, the daughter of Peter and Louisa Peterson, and spent her early life there. She was married to Charles Dodge on Nov. 18, 1911, and had lived in Rib Lake since then. ¶ She acquired a reputation as an excellent cook while still a young woman, and in the early 20's started the "Ma Dodge's Cafe." It has been at its present location at the southwest corner of McComb Ave, or Main Street, and Landall Ave, for more than 33 years. She also accommodated borders there. She had been in rather poor health in recent years, but still carried on the regular serving of meals, which attracted many transients, as well as local customers. Mr. Dodge, who had</p>	<p>A couple of days ago I spoke to Gregory "Doc" Thums about Ma Dodge's Café. Doc gleefully recounted that 25 cents would pay for a full course dinner, including pie. ¶ The same edition of the Rib Lake Herald editorialized: "The door swung shut to a Rib Lake landmark last week. Ma Dodge's Cafe on the corner, with the passing of its hostess for 33 years, Nettie Peterson Dodge. ¶ How Nettie would chuckle at the term "hostess," although she had the true welcome knack. Her very personal version would be: "I have always</p>	
4/25/1957 (cont)	Obituary & Businesses & Ole A. Peterson (cont)	<p>been the local police officer, died in March, 1949. ¶ Surviving are a daughter, Dorothy, Mrs. Allen Tlusty, Route 3, Medford; a son, Charles Dodge, of Gastonia, North Carolina; two brothers, Ole Peterson, Phillips, and Ed Peterson, Route 1; and two sisters, Mrs. Hulda Norlin, Ogema; and Jennie Blale."</p>	<p>been a cook, a pretty fair one, the coffee pot's always been on in the back of the old wood range, the oven's always been warming up something sweet smelling, and folks have always been lollyng around my kitchen, as much as my dining room, for as long as I can remember." ¶ The front windows of Ma Dodge's Cafe were abloom with plants the year round. She could coax a plant into something grand like she could coax food. With the doors open on a sunny day, the bouquet from the kitchen and the bouquet from the windows made it a hard place to pass. ¶ Once indoors, it was a hard place to leave. ¶ We're sorry that Nettie had to."</p>	

5/2/1957	Businesses	ED PRIEN SELLS OUT AFTER 20 YEARS IN GAMBLE STORE "Rib Lake Gamble Store, for 20 years under the owner-management of Ed Prien, will pass into new hands this May 15, when the partnership of Jack Budimlija and Duane Warner will assume store operations. The new owners are well known in this community, Budimlija being the son of Mike Budimlijas, Route 1, and Warner, the son of the Ora Warners, all longtime residents of this area. Both are Rib Lake High School graduates. ¶ Mrs. Budimlija is the former Lois Warner, and Mrs. Warner, the former Helen Anderson, daughter of the late Reuben J. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson. ¶ The new owners plan to spend next week in Minneapolis at a Gamble Store training school, before taking over locally. The Duane Warners have disposed of their home in Stetsonville and with their family of three children, will occupy the apartment over the store. Warner is a former employee at Hurd Millworks.	The Gamble Store building had been the site of the J.A. Taylor Hardware Store. The building still stands in 2008; it occupies Block A, Lot 9 of McComb's Racing Park Addition; its street address is 940 McComb.	
5/2/1957 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ Both men are war veterans, Warner a Marine in WWII and the Korean War, and Budimlija serving four years with the Navy in the Korean War. The latter has been employed by Gem Products, Rib Lake, made his home in the village, and the couple have one young daughter."		
5/9/1957	War - Soldiers	TAUBER HEADS LEGION "Ronald Tauber was elected commander of the Lehman-Clendenning Post 276, American Legion, at a meeting in the club rooms last Thursday night. ¶ Tauber, who served with the Air Force, and was overseas in England, succeeds Clifford Waldhart. ¶ Other officers named were Esper Jepsen, First Vice Commander; Melvin Theilig, Second Vice Commander; Kenneth Mannel, Third Vice Commander; John Eckhoff, Finance Officer and Adjutant; Charles Stiel and Willard Gnotke, Sergeant at Arms; Peter Bogumill, Service Officer; Floyd R. Nels, Publicity Officer.."		
5/16/1957	Rib Lake - Village	TAVERN LICENSES APPROVED "The Village Board granted tavern licenses for the year starting July 1 to the present licensees: Frank L. Becker, John Dolezalek, Arthur J. Kapitz, Alphonse F. Mitchell, Southwell Rosenfeldt, Mrs. Irene Stahnke, Mrs. Alta Tellier and Marvin Tauber. A beer retailers license was granted to John J. Hoppla."		
5/16/1957	Agriculture	FARMERS! "For a cash crop, grow green beans. You will receive up to 9 cents a pound for top quality. Lincoln Canning Company, Merrill, Wis. Contact your local station. Ed Andreae, Westboro."	A cannery operated on Merrill's west side until c. 1995.	
5/23/1957	Utilities	LOAN FOR PHONE FIRM "The Rib Lake Telephone Company has been granted an additional loan of \$35,000 by the Rural Electrification Administration to be used to convert phones to a dial system and for additional rebuilding of its system, according to a telegram received recently from Congressman Alvin E. O'Konski. ¶ John Eckhoff of the company said the additional loan represents the amount which bids amounted to over and above the original loan, which had been considered sufficient when the switch to a dial system was first planned. ¶ Construction of a concrete block building to house the new equipment at the rear of the Eckhoff home is scheduled to start soon with construction of new lines and replacement of old scheduled to start within a short time."	The then-Eckhoff home was adjacent to the telephone company facility, in the southeast corner of Fayette and South Front Street.	
5/23/1957	Obituary & Greenwood	JOHN RIZZI, 84, EARLY GREENWOOD FARMER, IS BURIED WEDNESDAY "Funeral services for John Rizzi, 84, longtime resident of the area, were held at St. John the Baptist Church. ¶ The Rev. Fr. Robert Stock officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. Rosary services were held at the Taylor Funeral Home. ¶ Pallbearers were Joe Matyka, Vincent Kraemer, Frank Knezinek, Fred Niggemann, Frank Knorn, and Joseph Hebda. ¶ Born in Italy June 22, 1872, the son of Dominic and Poinsettia Luiseppa Rizzi, he came to this country in 1898. He was married at Chicago March 3, 1911, to Carrie Toppiani, moving to a farm in the Town of Greenwood in 1912. ¶ His wife preceded him in death on April 17, 1937. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Church. ¶ Survivors are his daughter, Mary, Mrs. Charles Schmidtfranz, Rib Lake; four sons, Dominic and Frank, Town of Greenwood; Peter of Owen, and Joseph of Wausau; and four grandchildren."		
5/23/1957	Law	TAVERN IS PADLOCKED "Padlocking of the former Friendly Tavern building on Highway 102 a short distance east of State Highway 13 was ordered by Judge A.W. Kopp of Plateville presiding at a special term of circuit court at Medford last week. ¶ The court granted a petition by District Attorney Raymond Scott asking the tavern be locked as a public nuisance. ¶ The padlock order was issued after Diane McCarty appeared and pled guilty to being an inmate of a house of ill fame and was fined \$75 and costs. ¶ Eva Walker, arrested as being the proprietor of the establishment, also pled guilty and was fined \$200 and costs. Both had filed affidavits of prejudice against Judge Louis J. Charles, following their arrest several months ago by State Beverage Tax Division Agents..."	This ended one of the Rib Lake's longest-operating brothels - for decades known as the Guernsey Farm.	

5/23/1957	Rib Lake - Village	DENTIST WILL OPEN PRACTICE HERE SOON "The good news that Rib Lake will have a dentist practicing in the new clinic building within a short time was made official with the announcement by Mrs. Carl Marschke, chairman of the Citizens Doctor-Dentist Committee. ¶ The dentist is Dr. Duane D. Powers, 35, a 1957 graduate from the dental school at Marquette University at Milwaukee. ¶ He and Mrs. Powers and their four children will make their home in the former William C. Funk residence overlooking the lake, the first house east of the Ward School. ¶ Dr. and Mrs. Powers and two daughters and two nieces arrived in the village Tuesday evening and plan to remain for about a week to redecorate the interior of the 10-room house and prepare it for occupancy. The property is being purchased by the Rib Lake Businessmen's Committee, which has a promotional fund, and will be rented to the Powers family..."	Dr. and Mrs. Star Powers lived in Rib Lake until the 1980's. Star was a published poet - energetic and active in the library.	
7/11/1957	Schools & Spirit	NEW SANITATION FACILITIES VOTED AT RURAL SCHOOL "Modernization of the sanitation facilities at the Liberty School in the Town of Spirit was approved by the 80-odd voters at the annual meeting of the joint school district #1 held Tuesday evening in the high school gymnasium. ¶ A sum of \$1,800 for a well at the Liberty School had been included in the budget, and the entire project will be let out on bids. The damage caused to the building when it caught fire this spring while the old indoor, but outmoded, toilets were being "burned out" also will be repaired."	The Liberty Grade School building still stands, as of 2008, in the southeast corner of German Settlement Road and CTH YY. The building is now owned by Mike and Toni Meier and the site of the German Settlement museum.	
7/11/1957	Harper Lake	MIKE SCHMIDTS MARK 50TH ANNIVERSARY "Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schmidt, Harper Lake Resort, held an open house on Tuesday in celebration of their marriage July 9, 1907, at Dixon, Missouri. ¶ Mrs. Schmidt, the former Ella Krause, was reared in Wood County, south of Marshfield, and the Mike Schmidt, Srs., had a farm at neighboring Auburndale. When the Krause farm moved to farm at Dixon, Mike, Jr., followed. ¶ A daughter, Marie, Mrs. William Silbernagel, Ontario, Canada, and a son, William, of Elmwood, Illinois, were born to them at Dixon. The Schmidt's then moved to Marshfield, where he was employed by Lange and Scharman. Another daughter, Helen, Mrs. Albert Knop, Junction City, was born there. ¶ In 1914, the family moved to a farm on North Harper Lake, now the Camp Carter site, which they maintained until 1942, when they built their present house on adjoining property and undertook the management of the Harper Lake Resort. The resort was built on property owned by the Schmidts, by Joe Brown in the middle 20's, and had operated under a series of managers.	This couple was much beloved and commonly referred to as "Ma" and "Pa" Schmidt. ¶ Note the reference to Camp Carter. It featured rural vacations for "business girls" from Chicago. A number of them met their husbands here, including Rose, Mrs. John S. Patrick, and Dorothy, Mrs. Stanley E. Hebda. Dorothy Hebda, nee Everett, was the first Camp Carter girl, according to her daughter, Theresa Gibbons. Dorothy attended the inaugural 2-week camp session in the summer of 1946.	
7/11/1957 (cont)	Harper Lake (cont)	¶ Their fourth child, Ruth, Mrs. Edward Coughlen, Chicago, was born on this farm. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt served on the James Lake School board for 20 years, and Mr. Schmidt was town road commissioner for as many years...."		
7/25/1957	Businesses	THEATRE WILL CLOSE "The New Lake Theatre will close after Saturday night's last show, at least temporarily, according to word received Wednesday from Fowler Enterprises, Inc., the Merrill firm which has the property leased from Rib Lake Theatre Company. ¶ Poor patronage and difficulty in booking suitable pictures were said to be the reasons for the temporary shutdown. A conference between the lessor and lessee was said to be in the offing. ¶ The movie was opened by the Merrill firm last February 15, after being closed since the previous Thanksgiving."	The theatre building, standing in the SE corner of Landall and McComb Ave, was owned by a group of Rib Lake investors.	
7/25/1957	Environment & Rib Lake - Village	SPRAYING OF LAKE TO START TOMORROW "Spraying of Rib Lake to get rid of the weeds and algae and the resultant odor, which was especially bad during the recent hot weather, is scheduled to get underway tomorrow. ¶ The work will be done by the village crew, with specially constructed equipment, under the supervision of F.H. Schraufnagel of Wisconsin Rapids, a representative of the state board of health. ¶ The chemical, some 1500 pounds of blue vitriol, was expected to arrive today by truck. ¶ Wesly Stiel, maintenance man, has been working on a device which includes mixing barrels, pipes, nozzels, hoze and a pump, which will be mounted on two of Schouse Rosenfeldt's boats, held together by a pile of platform and propelled by a 15 horsepower outboard. ¶ Water will be drawn in from the lake and mixed to the proper consistency with the chemical and then sprayed back into the lake. Schraufnagel estimated that if the equipment worked property, sufficient chemical to do the job can be distributed in a day."	The eutrophication of Rib Lake was certainly worsened by the fact that the Village of Rib Lake at this time had no municipal sewerage system.	
7/25/1957	Entertainment	[Advertisement] "Coming to Rib Lake, the famous Kohl circus and menagerie combined. Performing elephants, educated horses, camels, llamas, leopards, apes, bears, etc. Thrilling aerial acts. Acrobats, jugglers and funny clowns, circus acts of all kinds. Performances twice daily. One day only in Rib Lake, Tuesday, August 6. Zondlo's corner. One of the last big tent circuses on the road."	Zondlo's corner refers to the junction of STH 102 and CTH C where, in 2008, the Zondlo Tavern and Ballroom still proudly stands; over the years, the Zondlos have had a variety of outside entertainment facilities; in 2008 they have first class horseshoe facilities.	

8/1/1957	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	CENTRAL HOTEL SOLD; WILL BE CONVALESCENT HOME "Sale of the Central Hotel property, operated for the past 40 years by Henry Mathias, to the Floyd Fords of Rhinelander was announced this week by Mr. Mathias. ¶ Operation as a hotel will be discontinued, and the plan is to remodel the building to function as a convalescent home. ¶ Mrs. Ford has conducted the convalescent home at Rhinelander for the past 10 years, and also the Dr. Kate Memorial Home at Birnamwood. She intends to place the Rib Lake home in charge of a competent manager....¶ Retirement of the hotel business by Mr. Mathias will bring an end to a career which started when he was just a boy and worked as a cook's helper in the lumber camps. He later operated the old hotel building on the lakeshore, and, after it burned, built the Central Hotel and had operated it continuously.	The Central Hotel building still stands as of 2008 in the SW corner of Railroad and Third Street. The article's reference to the old hotel building on the lakeshore is a reference to the "Commercial Hotel"; it stood on the SW corner of Railroad and Lake Street. It was a four-story, huge wood building, Taylor County's largest hotel, built by J.J. Kennedy.	
		¶ The building, catering to commercial travelers and lumber company employees during the earlier years, is located on Railroad Street, and is just "across the lots" from the new village clinic building. It now has two occupied lower floor apartments, in addition to the Mathias living quarters, and accommodates regular roomers as well as the transient public."	For a photo, see Document #10722, 10780, and 11067. For a map of its location, see Document #10724 and 10726.	
8/15/1957	Politics & Rib Lake - Village	THOMPSON RESIGNS AS VILLAGE PRESIDENT "Orlin R. Thompson resigned as village president Tuesday night, and the village appointed trustee John W. Eckhoff to serve as temporary president until the next meeting on April 27. ¶ Thompson said he was resigning solely because of his health, having sustained a heart attack several months ago. He was hospitalized for several weeks. He said he felt that he could not stand the physical strain of the village president's job, plus that of his own work with the Rib Lake Cheese Company, and that it would be best to devote what energy he has to the latter position..."		
8/29/1957	Politics	COUNTY GOES FOR PROXMIRE "Wisconsin elected its first Democratic United States Senator in 25 years on Tuesday when it gave 43-year-old William Proxmire, a blooming rose, a majority of more than 100,000 votes over Walter J. Kohler, former Republican Governor. ¶ It was a distinct upset, with the three times unsuccessful candidate for governor leading in the returns from the very beginning over Kohler, who had twice defeated him for governor....¶ The Village of Rib Lake went Democratic for the first time in a blue moon, giving Proxmire 134 votes; Kohler 67, Boyle 7 and Kosine 1. In the Town of Rib Lake, Proxmire pulled 124 and Kohler 23."	Proxmire went on to a long, illustrious career in the Senate. Annually, he shamed government with the "golden fleece" award - given to a recipient of government money Proxmire felt was a waste of funds.	
9/5/1957	Obituary	MATTIAS JAROSH, EARLY RESIDENT, IS BURIED TODAY "Funeral services were to be held this morning from St. John the Baptist Church for Mattias Jarosh, 87, pioneer resident of this community, who died Monday at Mercy Hospital in Oshkosh. ¶ He had made his home for the past 11 years with daughters in Appleton and Oshkosh. ¶ Fr. Robert Stock was to officiate, and burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Rudy Kapitz, Leo and Wesly Stiel, John Reinhardt, Henry Jensen and Albert Schreiner. ¶ Born Feb. 25, 1870, in Germany, Mr. Jarosh came to this country 65 years ago, settling in Rib Lake in 1897, where he worked in the tannery and also owned a tavern. He was married to Anna Gumz in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She preceded him in death in January, 1940.		
		¶ Survivors are 6 daughters, Katherine, Mrs. Earnest Heizler, Oshkosh; Mary, Mrs. Ollie Gilbertson, Elderon; Jean, Mrs. Lyle Tinker, Anaheim, California; Anna, Mrs. Charles Scharer, Rib Lake; Clara, Mrs. Albert Mielke, Monroe; Elizabeth, Mrs. Joe Kobussen, Appleton; a son, Frank, Rib Lake; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Kropp of Pennsylvania; 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. ¶ Three sons preceded him in death."		
9/5/1957	Agriculture	FARMERS AT DOM RIZZI'S "The Dom Rizzi farm, Town of Greenwood, will be the site of the Wisconsin hybrid corn variety result demonstration next Thursday, Sept. 12. ¶ The discussion and farm machinery demonstration is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and will be conducted by Joe Tuss, agricultural agent, in cooperation with implement dealers in the area. ¶ Corn varieties include hybrids ranging in maturity from 80-125 days. Thirteen varieties will be discussed. ¶ This is an excellent place for dairy men to view different corn maturity rates, Tuss said. ¶ The machinery demonstration will include blower and chopper demonstrations and silage unloaders. Cooperating will be Pernsteiner Implement with the Kool blower, Van Laarhoven, Niemuth and Michler's with chopper and wagons..."	The last four names were Medford-based implement dealers.	
9/12/1957	Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	WORK BEE SET TO READY SCOUT SITE "Plans for the work-bee preparatory to the moving of the Boy Scout cabin from its present location at the corner of Main Street [McComb Ave.] and Highway 102 to a lot two blocks west on the north side of the state highway, were made by members of the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association. ¶ The work-bee will start after supper tomorrow (Friday evening), when holes for the concrete posts, which will support the structure, will be dug. Volunteer workmen are asked to bring their own shovels, along with all energy possible. ¶ The Rib Lake Fish & Game Association is cooperating on the removal project more or less in exchange for the privilege of holding its meetings in the Scout building. President Frank Yanko presided at Monday night's meeting, where preliminary plans for the removal of the muskies from the tannery pond around the last of September were made."	The then-Boy Scout cabin site is occupied in 2008 by the Post Office, 705 McComb Ave.	

9/19/1957	People	THE TALBOT FAMILY, ONE OF THE EARLIEST IN THE COMMUNITY, HAS WILLOW LAKE REUNION "It was a great day for the Irish, with a skirling of bagpipes for the Scotch, too, on Sunday last when the descendants of Edward and Betsy McLeod Talbot gathered at Willow Lake Resort, home of the Charles Talbots, who hosted the occasion. ¶ Edward and Betsy Talbot, with son Charlie and daughters Ella and Laura (Laura Harless, now deceased), rode grandly into Rib Lake on a handcar from Chelsea July 4, 1884. The family left a farm in Heron County, Michigan, where these children were born and which they had settled upon leaving Canada. Edward was born at Apple Hill, Ontario, and Betsy at Windsor, their parents having come there from Ireland and Scotland, respectively. ¶ Edward went to work for the J.J. Kennedy Lumber Co., along with Charles DeGroat and Joseph Thomas, two other earliest families in this community. Born to them in Rib Lake were Arthur, Roy (now deceased), Grace (Mrs. Grace Reynolds of Waupaca), and Cecil. All the Talbot brood finished school here. Their home was on the site of the present Ed Kelnhofer home, and the view from that western hill	In 2009, "that western hill" is the happy home of Mrs. Hattie M. Knop, 825 Kennedy Street.	
9/19/1957 (cont)	People (cont)	overlooking the village was one of trees, not buildings. ¶ In 1897, Charlie Talbot and Annie Nelson, daughter of the John Nelsons of Little Black, were married. A son, Harry, and a daughter, Velva, Mrs. Millard Kapitiz, were born to them, and they lived in Rib Lake until 1927, when they moved to Willow Lake spot in Oneida County. We would bet that Charlie, age 79, has lived here longer than any of us..."		
9/26/1957	Agriculture	PURE MILK LOCAL ANNUAL MEET SET "Self-help plan, quotas and commodity-by-commodity legislation will be topics of discussion at the annual meeting of the Westboro-Rib Lake local of the Pure Milk Products Cooperative next Tuesday, Oct. 3, at Zondlo's Ballroom in Rib Lake beginning at 8:15 p.m..."		
9/26/1957	Politics	EMIL MILLER, SR., NEW MEMBER OF BOARD "Emil Miller, Sr., was appointed a trustee at the village board meeting Tuesday night. ¶ He will fill the unexpired term of John Eckhoff, who resigned as trustee to become president of the board. ¶ Miller was a Chicago policeman for 22 years before retiring and moving to a farm in Taylor County. Later he was employed as a police chief at Medford, where he served 8-1/2 years before again retiring several years ago and moving to Rib Lake. He owns a number of rental properties in the village and makes his home in the former lumber company superintendent's home, south of the National Hotel..."	The "former lumber company superintendent's home" is located at 517 Second Street and in 2008 is occupied by Wendy and Randy Budimlija. The home had been constructed for Phillip E. Marcus and family while he was one of the major McComb Ave. merchants. Following his bankruptcy on 4/5/1923, the home was purchased by the RLLC of Delaware on 9/4/1926. Document #12153 is the abstract of title to the land, Lot 3, Block 1 of the original plat of the Village of Rib Lake.	
10/3/1957	Harper Lake & Environment	HOPE TO HALT AUTO WASHING AT BEACH "A plan to prohibit the washing of cars at the swimming beach at South Harper Lake next summer was made by members of the Commercial Club, at their monthly dinner meeting in the Little Bohemia Café. ¶ The club will seek the cooperation of the Town of Rib Lake board in prohibiting car washing, especially when the beach is being used for swimming, and erection of some partial barricade, which will prevent cars from speeding through the road between the bath house and the beach as a safety measure..."		
10/3/1957	People	PHIL BONDES PLAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY "Pioneer rural residents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bonde, Route 1, plan to hold open house this Sunday afternoon, October 6, in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. Chatting with this couple a few days ago, we found their "story" as delightfully old as yesterday, as new as tomorrow - in familiar Rib Lake pattern. ¶ Phil came up this way from his family home near Manitowoc as a very young man for the deer hunting season. He came again. He decided to make permanent camp. He built a snug home across from the present site of the Town of Rib Lake hall and the Zondlo corner. ¶ It wasn't too long before this hunter bagged what he terms, with another twinkle, "another kind of deer" referring to the pretty dark-eyed daughter of John Stirn family, originally from Chicago, a family that likewise thought these parts were "God's country" and set up farming here in 1898.	Phil Bonde was indeed the area's local carpenter. About 1910 he built, with hemlock lumber, a farm home for John Schwarz. In 1972 I bought the structure for \$190 from Donna and Marlin Walbeck and moved it to my home site in Section 13, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. Phil Bonde's building is the nucleus for my home in 2008.	
10/3/1957 (cont)	People (cont)	¶ "Standing up" for the Bonde's marriage in October of 1907 at St. John the Baptist Church, Rib Lake, were the groom's sister, Clara, now Mrs. Andrew Buschmann of Manitowoc, and the bride's brother, Frank Stirn, now deceased. ¶ Phil Bonde had, and employed, other skills besides that of huntsman. He built the first sawmill in the village for Stephen Konz, later Ole Peterson's mill, later Victor Gustafson's mill. ¶ Close to five years later after their marriage, the Bonde's moved to their present, and larger, farm home site. Sons and daughters were beginning to move in with them, a brood described by Phil as "one and a half dozen." ¶ Said again, with that twinkle, for he means 7 children, John, at home, Catherine, Mrs. Peter B. Kauer; Isabel, Mrs. Anton Kauer; Andrew, in Oregon State; Isadore, now happily tending the old Stirn farm kept in the family; Marie, Mrs. Mike Eichorn, Daggett, Michigan; and Agnes, at home. ¶ All are expected in full force for this Sunday's occasion."		

10/10/1957	Agriculture	REGIS NIGGEMANN HEADS PMPC UNIT "Regis Niggemann was elected president of the Westboro-Rib Lake local, Pure Milk Products Cooperative, at the annual meeting held at Zondlo's Ballroom. ¶ He succeeds George Niggemann, Route 2, Medford, a Westboro patron. Members of the local sell their milk to the Rib Lake Dairy or the Laabs Cheese Factory at Westboro. ¶ Alfred Weinke, and Ed Sackman, Westboro, were elected to serve on the Board of Directors with the officers. Weinke was re-elected and Sackmann succeeds George Zondlo of Rib Lake..."		
10/10/1957	People	MISS STROBACH, BOB SUNDERLIN MARRIED IN CHURCH SERVICES "Miss Bernadette Faye Strobach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Strobach, Route 1, became the bride of Robert C. Sunderlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sunderlin, last Saturday morning at St. John the Baptist Church, the Rev. Robert Stock officiated. ¶ For her wedding, Miss Strobach chose a floor-length gown of chantilly lace over taffeta.... ¶ Miss Donna Etten, Stevens Point, was maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Nancy Frombach, and Barbara Taylor, with Judy Strobach, the bride's sister, and Janice Strobach, Medford, her cousin, as junior bridesmaid and flower girl. ¶ The flower girl wore a replica of the bridal gown and was escorted by Dean Strobach, a brother of the bride, serving as ring bearer, and the two making a miniature bridal couple. ¶ Robert Melaski served as best man, and groomsmen were Marlin Walbeck and William Sunderlin, brother of the groom. Lee and Ray Strobach, the bride's brothers, ushered. ¶ For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Strobach wore an afternoon suit of navy with white accessories, and the groom's mother wore a suit of turquoise with gray accessories. Both wore corsages of red roses and		
10/10/1957 (cont)	People (cont)	white carnations. ¶ Breakfast for the bridal party was at the home of the bride, and a noon dinner at the Lakeside served 325 guests, a 5:00 supper there served 200 guests. In the evening, Bobby Storch's orchestra played a wedding dance at Zondlo's Ballroom. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Sunderlin are graduates of Rib Lake High School, the groom employed at Gem Products, and the bride a professional teacher of accordion music. Mr. Sunderlin served 4 years in the Air Force, two of them at posts in Germany. ¶ After a wedding trip to Canada, the couple will make their home in the former C.P. Hanson home near Spirit Lake.		
10/10/1957 (cont)	People (cont)	¶ Relatives from out of town who attended the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin, Marshfield; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dallman, Colby; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Dallman, Colby; Miss Elaine Hardrath, Hartland; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Strobach and girls, Wausau; Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Klemm, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Poirier and Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Strobach, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Strobach and girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pagel, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Poirier and sons, all of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stroberg and Carol, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. Aemin Strobach and Terry, Wautoma."		
10/17/1957	Utilities	U.S. GRANTS VILLAGE \$36,120 FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM "The good news that Rib Lake will receive a federal grant of \$36,120 toward the construction of a sewage disposal plant in the village, was received late last week. ¶ The news first came in the daily newspapers on Thursday and was corroborated later by a letter received by John Eckhoff, village president, from the state committee on water pollution, which has charge of allocating the funds assigned by the federal government to the State of Wisconsin. ¶ Twenty Wisconsin communities will receive this year's grants, which will total \$991,386, according to the reports.... ¶ Under a law, a grant cannot exceed \$250,000 or 30% of the total cost. Rib Lake's latest plans, now being considered by the State Board of Health, call for a building to cost \$130,000, and the village has sought a grant of 30% of \$39,000. Why the allotment was cut to \$36,120 was not explained in the communication.	"The stream" that received Rib Lake's sewage was Sheep Ranch Creek.	
10/17/1957 (cont)	Utilities (cont)	¶ First steps towards the construction of the disposal plant were taken by the village board about 10 years ago, when the water and sewer systems were installed. The board advertised for bids for the building, but none were received due to the post-war shortage of materials. ¶ The matter was dropped, but revived a few years later when the state demanded that the village refrain from dumping raw sewage into the stream which goes into the Rib River, a tributary of the Wisconsin River. Eventually the state set Dec. 31, 1956, as the deadline for the start of work on the local plant. The village was stymied, however, as it could not finance the plant solely on the basis of its anticipated earnings. ¶ The federal law to aid local communities became effective in the meantime and the village applied for a \$30,000 grant..."		
10/24/1957	Environment	WAY OF THE OUTDOORS MAKES WISCONSIN THRIVE "Wisconsin Conservation Department finds: Conservation practices have resulted in the reestablishment of the Canada goose as a breeding resident in Wisconsin during the past 12 years. The original seed stock probably came from the captive flocks of the Necedah Wildlife Refuge and the Sandhill Game Farm."	In 2008 this magnificent bird has become somewhat of a local nuisance by way of its hefty piles of manure.	

10/31/1957	Forests, County	COUNTY BECOMES OWNER OF CABIN NEAR FIRE TOWER "Taylor County is now the owner of the former state-owned cabin near the Wilderness Fire Tower east of Rib Lake, according to Fred Vlach, chairman of the county forestry and lands committee, which accepted the property from the state conservation department recently. ¶ The cabin had been used as a home by the tower attendant when it was operated by the state, but the tower is slated to be razed, and authority over the roads and fire lanes in the area have been transferred to the county. Much of the land in the area is county owned. ¶ The former practice of keeping the gate on the main road near the Lawrence Schneider place on the south and the Carl Meier farm at the county line on the north closed is being continued. The gates will be open during the deer hunting season, however...."	The cabin and tower stood approx. 1 mile directly east of Wood Lake, on the NE-NE, 24-33N-R3E. The Lawrence Schneider farm stood in Section 26, at the end of Wilderness Ave.	
10/31/1957	People & Railroad - Wis. Central	MRS. VOEMASTEK IS 85 ON SUNDAY "Mrs. John Voemastek, who came to the Rib Lake area 59 years ago, will observe her 85th birthday anniversary on Saturday at the Hilltop rest home at Burkhart, where she has resided the past several years. ¶ She suffered a stroke 7 years ago and has been an invalid since that time. Her son, Raymond, brought her to Rib Lake this summer for a visit, at which time she saw some of her old friends and saw the improvements made in Rib Lake. ¶ Mrs. Voemastek was born in New York state and was brought to Wisconsin by her family in a covered wagon when she was an infant. While a small child and living with her family in a log cabin in Clark County, about halfway between Unity and Colby, just west of Highway 13, she can recall when the right-of-way was cut through the woods for the Wisconsin Central Railroad, now known as the Soo Line, and can recall seeing the men laying the steel rails.	Mrs. Voemastek's late husband was John J., who - with Frank Hand - co-founded the Rib Lake Herald in 1897.	
10/31/1957 (cont)	People & Railroad - Wis. Central (cont)	¶ When the line was completed, her father cut wood for the locomotives and piled it along the track, where they would stop and replenish the tender. It was also the duty of all members of the family to go down to the track after each train went through and put out any fires that had been started by sparks from the engine. ¶ During this period the Indians were numerous in the area where the family lived, and hardly a day went by that Indians didn't call on them. They mostly were looking for food. ¶ In 1898, Mrs. Voemastek came to Rib Lake and worked for Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Aitkens, who had a boarding house near the lake. In 1900 she married Mr. Voemastek, who had come here in 1897 to found the Rib Lake Herald. He passed away 10 years ago. ¶ Her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Voemastek of Rib Lake, and her son-in-law and daughter, (Gladys) Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Hyrd, and daughter Kay, of New Richmond, will be with her to help her celebrate her birthday anniversary."		
10/31/1957	Rib Lake - Village	THE NEW LOOK "Excavation for basements for two new buildings in or near the downtown area, were completed Monday by a digger from Medford. ¶ They are the new Elmer Taylor residence, at the northwest corner of Highway 102 and Pearl Street, and for the Ernest Sunderlin home, later to be enlarged with the addition of a business showroom, at the southwest corner of State Highway and Main Street [McComb Ave.] just north of the new clinic. ¶ Sunderlin, who bought a two-story residence on the former Szaflarski farm on the high school road [Upjohn Road] from Leonard Kofler, will transfer it to the village, cutting it down to a story-and-a-half to facilitate moving. ¶ The residence building will be placed over a 24 x 32 foot basement, and will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Sunderlin. Later he plans on building an addition about 28 x 32 feet to the east on a concrete slab. It will face Main Street [McComb Ave.] and will be a showroom and office for his Dri-Gas sales and service."	The then Taylor home is in 2008 owned by Ned and Ann Orthmann at 709 Pearl Street. The then Sunderlin home in 2008 is owned by Hal and Dawn Swenson at 667 McComb Ave.	
10/31/1957	Physician	NEW DOCTOR DRIVE! Renewed campaign of the Citizens Committee to get a physician to practice in the new village clinic building is well underway, with preliminary contacts indicating at least a passing interest having been made with 5 prospects. ¶ A large supply of the new brochure, picturing the clinic and its floor plan, and outlining briefly the community's need for medical service, has been mailed to prospects, friends and others who might be interested. ¶ The campaign has had good publicity in the state and elsewhere through the medium of newspaper, television, radio and magazines. The United Press wire carried a story about the community's clinic after it appeared in the Milwaukee Journal. It was reprinted in a number of state papers and the Chicago Sun Times. ¶ Walter John Chilson gave the community another plug over the Wausau television station, WSAU-TV, last week, when he called attention to the community campaign for a doctor. ¶ Advertisements appealing to physicians who might be interested in hunting, fishing and other recreational advantages offered by the area have been inserted in three principal outdoor magazines-Sports Afield, Outdoor Life, and Field & Stream."		

10/31/1957	James Lake	CORNERSTONE CEREMONY SET AT JAMES LAKE CAMP ON SATURDAY "First public event in connection with the establishment of a youth camp on James Lake northwest of the village, will take place next Sunday afternoon when the cornerstone for the main building will be laid in a ceremony scheduled for 2:30 o'clock. ¶ The Rev. Truman Robertson of Rhinelander, founder of Camp Honeyrock and a youth leader and camp expert of long experience, will be the principal speaker. Words of greeting will be given by several local and county officials, according to Richard W. Neale of Wheaton, Illinois, the camp director. ¶ Camp Honeyrock, operated by Wheaton College, is located near Three Lakes. ¶ The public is cordially invited to the ceremony, Mr. Neale said. ¶ Passersby have noted intense activity at the campsite during recent weeks, as construction has begun at three locations. Plans for the main building overlooking the east shore of the lake were drawn in August and were drawn up by Fred Williams of Three Lakes, engineer and designer.	The facility was eventually named Camp Forest Springs. ¶ Without question, the camp has been and continues to be a major asset to the Rib Lake community; for example, every Sunday afternoon during winter, the camp is opened to the public. Hundreds of individuals use the ski hill, tubing hill, skating rink and impressive cross country ski system. Many camp-affiliated individuals, such as Dick Angelo, Joan Points, and Scott and Tammy Everson,	
10/31/1957 (cont)	James Lake (cont)	¶ Foundations were completed on September 20, and now a work crew headed by Arthur Madsen and assisted by volunteers, are laboring from dawn to dusk to complete the outside framework before winter. This main lodge will contain dining and assembly accommodations and also toilet facilities. First floor masonry was laid by Harold Christophersen of Ogema. ¶ Old home is headquarters. ¶ Additional construction includes the remodeling of the former Urho Carlson home to serve as the camp headquarters, and the erection of the camp director's residence. The latter overlooks the northeast corner of James Lake. It is of colonial design planned by Joseph Palma, Jr., and is being built by Walter Johnson. ¶ Work on the camp headquarters, interrupted in order to concentrate on the main camp buildings, will be completed early in 1958. The camp office will open in its new home during February or March. ¶ An official name for the new camp will be chosen in the near future. Suggestions are welcome by the camp committee. The winning name will be announced in January. ¶ The Baptist Church is assisting.	to name just a few, have been community leaders. About 1990 the camp purchased the former Coast-to-Coast hardware store and constructed the Genesis Youth Center, 818 McComb Ave.	
10/31/1957 (cont)	James Lake (cont)	¶ Sponsoring the camp is a public spirited group of business and professional men concerned for the welfare of American youth and who are being ably assisted in the project by several Taylor and Price County churches, including the Baptist congregations in Rib Lake and Medford, Goodrich and Ogema, Spirit, Prentice and Phillips. The camp is incorporated as a non-profit, interdenominational service organization known as Youth Gospel Crusade, with headquarters at Wheaton, Illinois. Its program and facilities will be open to the youth of all ages and adults, regardless of religious background. ¶ The major share of the campsite preparation was accomplished by volunteer workers, headed by Wilberg Blomberg. These men have worked nearly every Saturday for many weeks, cutting and hauling timber and building a camp road on the former Carlson farm.		
10/31/1957 (cont)	James Lake (cont)	¶ It is the former John Carlson farm, later occupied by his son, Urho, who sold it to the youth camp organization. Mr. Neale explained that the camp is "dedicated under God to the spiritual and educational benefit of Northern Wisconsin youth and their families." ¶ "We are deeply grateful to the many wonderful people of Taylor and Price Counties who have encouraged and helped in countless ways," he said."		
10/31/1957	Schools	NEW SCHOOL NAMED "Katherine Schirmer, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schirmer, was the winner of the contest among Ward School pupils to name their new elementary school building, which is expected to be ready for occupancy by the first of the year. ¶ The name submitted by Kathy was "CLEARVIEW" and it earned a prize of \$10 offered by the school board. ¶ 125 names offered by eager graders, and all of them given worthy attention, gave the judges a problem with a headache. It was felt, however, that a name for the new school should be really "new" with a fitting personality and in no way a duplication or an equitable title of other institutions or commercial enterprises in northern lake-woods area. So - Clearview - it now is."	In 2008 the former Clearview building is now the village hall and library located at 655 Pearl Street.	
11/7/1957	Schools	OPEN HOUSE FOR EDUCATION WEEK "The annual open house at Rib Lake School and Ward School has been scheduled for the evening of November 14, according to Principal Robert C. Becker, with a meeting of the parent-teachers club in conjunction at the high school. ¶ Teachers will receive parents in the classrooms of the Ward School from 7 until 8:30 p.m. and the high school classrooms will be ready to welcome from 7:45 until 9:30 p.m., after which lunch will be served. ¶ The parent-teachers club plans to get their meeting underway around 8:15, which should allow for a good attendance with all concerned "on deck" anyway. "This club is comprised of, and open to, all parents within the entire school district, which includes the Liberty School in Spirit."	The two-story, wood Ward elementary school stood on the north side of Church Street.	

11/7/1957	Hunting	HUNTERS URGED TO APPLY FOR SPECIAL PERMIT NOW "Hunters planning to buy deer hunting permits, more commonly known as "camp meat licenses," were urged this week by Warden Kenneth Coyle of Medford to secure them as soon as possible...¶ The application must be signed by all persons who are members of the party and their regular deer licenses must be submitted to the issuing agent. All licenses must be marked to indicate that the license holder is a member of a deer hunting party. ¶ The applications must contain a minimum of 4 signatures, and a maximum of 7 is allowed. ¶ Upon payment of the \$5 fee and the approval of a properly filled application blank, the individual who applies will receive a special arm band, indicating that the wearer is a member of a hunting party, and thus eligible to shoot any deer, as well as a special hunting party deer tag. ¶ Any member of the party may wear the arm band and carry the special permit during the season, and only the one who is wearing it at the time is entitled to shoot the "root deer." It may be passed around among members of the licensed party..."	This is the beginning of special deer hunting licenses allowing hunters to take more than one deer.	
11/14/1957	Clubs/Orders	GIRL SCOUTS ARE INDUCTED "Twelve Rib Lake Girl Scouts formally received their uniform insignia and emblems, and the group its national charter, at a meeting held at the Scout hut, last Wednesday evening. About 45 interested parents, sponsors and friends attended the occasion. ¶ The girls were Barbara Becker, JoAnn Seidel, Kathleen Kane, Cheryl Bokath, Claire Johnson, Joan Vlach, Frances Yanko, Virginia Heizler, Sandra Steare, Shirley Schrader, Judy Bullis and Joan Rosenfeldt. Claudia and Diana Powers, also troop members, had previously received their memberships. ¶ Refreshments were served and an informal visiting hour followed the formalities."		
11/14/1957	Wolves & Environment	THE WISCONSIN CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT FINES: "The wolf was once a factor in keeping such animals as deer, rabbits and mice in check. It is now found only in remote parts of forests where each family requires about 100 square miles of area. It is symbolic of the big woods and wilderness. The smaller coyote has been increasing in population over the last decades. The state pays a bounty on both species."	Under enlightened practices dictated by the endangered species act, the federal government listed wolves as an endangered species. That act plus increasing awareness by the public of the benefit of wolves to the ecosystem, permitted this species to come back in Wisconsin. In 2008 it is estimated that there are over 550 wolves in the state. ¶ The next issue of the Herald included the following: "Last week, "Way of the Outdoors" feature was incorrect, in that it stated that the state pays bounties on timber wolves and coyotes. The state pays bounties on neither now, and the timber wolf is now on the protected list. The feature was an old and outdated one."	
11/14/1957	Businesses	TIME SPECIAL HUNTERS ACCIDENT POLICY "Up to \$25,000 for loss of life or dismemberment and up to \$2,500 for hospital and medical expense plus an optional benefit of \$25 a week for 26 weeks if totally disabled because of non-occupational (off the job) accident. This benefit is paid in addition to all other benefits. ¶ Protects you 24 hours a day, 10 days policy, \$2.65 for \$5,000 benefits, \$5.30 for \$10,000 benefits, see or phone today. Millard Kapitz or Frannie P. Schaack, Rib Lake, Wisconsin."	The same edition of The Herald announced the commencement of the traditional 9 day deer hunting season at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday.	
11/28/1957	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	FIRE AT PLASTICS FACTORY CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGE "Possibilities of rebuilding the old "tile factory" building, which was gutted by fire last Saturday, were being considered this week by both the owners and occupants, pending final word from the insurance adjusters. ¶ Stockholders of the Rib Lake Industries, Inc., owners of the building, were to meet last night with representatives of the Eternalite Fiberglass, Inc., the corporation which had operated a plastic casket factory in the building for more than a year. ¶ Officers of the Rib Lake Industries said it now is in about the same shape as it was some 10 years ago when they purchased it and added a new roof and a second-story floor. The structure originally was part of the old tannery property, which ceased operations in the early 20's. ¶ The building was put in use 10 years ago in the manufacture of acoustical tile by the Absorb-a-Tone Company, a corporation composed of local stockholders, who brought Chicago interest into the community to steer the new factory. Operations continued only a short time and the Absorb-a-Tone Corporation was dissolved a few years ago and the new corporation was organized to assume ownership of the	The building was reconstructed following the fire. As of 2/12/2009, the building - 882 Tannery Lane - is owned by Mark and Heidi Mann. The building itself stands on Tannery Lane just 1/8 mile north of Fayette Ave. ¶ The building was built as the boiler house for the Rib Lake Tannery, which ran from 1892 to 1922.	

11/28/1957 (cont)	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	remaining property...¶ Insurance adjusters were expected yesterday afternoon, and Gerald Gums, representing the casket manufacturing firm, said he had made a proposition looking towards rebuilding of the structure, to the building owners. ¶ Gums estimated the loss to the Eternalite firm in excess of \$20,000, and said that about 1/3 was covered by insurance. His associates in the company are Leo Metzler of Medford, monument manufacturer, and Franklin Tlusty, Route 2, Medford. ¶ Starting on the lower level, the flames spread up to the second floor quickly, and efforts to save even the roof were fruitless. It caved in slightly more than an hour after the fire started. ¶ Fire Chief Ed Martin said that the fact that much of the material in the building was highly combustible, and that the interior was coated with a dust from previous wood-working operations, and the dryness of the wooden interior itself, caused the flames to spread quickly and made them impossible to control. ¶ The building had been used for a woodworking operation by the Rib Lake Products Company, for about 2 years, prior to the time that it was taken over by Glen Gums, brother of Gerald, for the plastic operation.		
11/28/1957 (cont)	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	Glen Gums later moved his operations to Merrill and Gerald Gums continued the plastic manufacturing here. ¶ Included in their loss were some 46 completed caskets, about 20 of which had been scheduled to be shipped out, but which were delayed because of the heavy snowstorm earlier this week. Also destroyed were a number of forms used in the manufacturing of caskets, tools, supplies of raw materials, and their personal belongings..."		
11/28/1957	Businesses	THEATRE IS OPEN! "Paul Strennen arrived with his family late last week from Rock Island, Illinois, to reopen the New Lake Theatre here. ¶ The first showing, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, was to be John Wayne starring in "The Searches," to be followed on Friday and Saturday by the "Big Land" with Alan Ladd and Virginia Mayo.."	An earlier edition of the Herald had revealed that Paul Strennen had reached an agreement to serve as the manager of the theatre and to reopen it. The theatre was owned by the Rib Lake Theatre Company, a corporation owned by local stockholders.	
12/5/1957	Businesses & Westboro	WESTBORO IS NEW SITE FOR FACTORY "Equipment of Eternalite Fiberglass, Inc., which was not destroyed by the fire here a week ago Saturday, was moved last week to the former Rupprich building in Westboro, where rebuilding of forms and other operations preliminary to a resumption of the manufacture of plastic caskets, were started. ¶ The building, a two-story structure on STH 13 in Westboro, was most recently occupied by "John" Hansen's Cloverfarm Grocery, and has been vacant for several years. ¶ No decision as to rebuilding has been made by Rib Lake Industries, Inc., owners of the former acoustical tile factory here, which was swept by fire. A meeting of stockholders reported to have been scheduled for Wednesday night of last week was not held. Both the operating firm and the corporation which owns the building were reported to be awaiting a settlement of their insurance claims."	This article is referring to the Rupprich building. In 2008, the impressive two-story, solid brick Rupprich building still stands in "downtown" Westboro. It was built as a department store by Frank Rupprich during the logging boom era when Westboro boasted a population of 1000. ¶ The Rupprich building is currently owned by Doug Thums & is used as an apartment house.	
12/12/1957	Obituary	FRANK TAUBER DIES "Frank Tauber, 66, village resident since 1919, died late Wednesday afternoon at the Medford Clinic Hospital, where he had been taken earlier that morning following an attack of a recurrent illness which he has been suffering for the past year. He operated Tauber's Tavern on Main Street [McComb Ave.]. ¶ Funeral services are scheduled for this Saturday afternoon at the Taylor Funeral Home. ¶ Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Elsa Tauber; two sons, Marvin and Ronald, Rib Lake; a daughter, Mrs. Delores Kosek, Wausau; and three grandchildren."	Tauber's Tavern is known in 2008 as the Last Chance Tavern, 832 McComb Ave.	
12/19/1957	Environment	PETITION FOR NEW WOOD LAKE FLOWAGE IS RECEIVED BY STATE "Permission to construct a dam and create a flowage on New Wood River about 16 miles east of Rib Lake, was sought by the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company in a petition filed yesterday with the State Public Service Commission at Madison. ¶ The site of the proposed flowage was in Lincoln County, about 18 miles northwest of Merrill in the former RLLC holdings. ¶ A number of Rib Lake residents own property in the area and representatives of the improvement company have been negotiating with them for the property needed. ¶ The company proposes to spend a total of \$280,000 for property and the dam, which would back up water in New Wood River, which empties into the Wisconsin River about 4 miles north of Merrill. The dam would create a lake or reservoir, which when full, would be about 3 miles long and 3/4 of a mile wide and would flood 2,300 acres, mostly swamp land involved.	Opposition to the proposal grew to such a point that the dam was never built. In 2008 the dam site is owned by the DNR as the New Wood Wildlife Area.	

12/19/1957 (cont)	Environment (cont)	¶ Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company, which is owned and operated by 12 power and paper companies, with mills and plants in the Wisconsin River, said the dam would improve the efficiency of hydro-electric plants on the river and provide greater flood control. ¶ The company said that a large portion of the land involved was swampland and that the rest was covered with second growth timber. This timber would be harvested before the dam was built. ¶ The company said it would build access roads to the lake and boat landings, as it is done on the other reservoirs. It also said the estimated tax return to local governments as a result of the dam would be more than 10 times the tax now received. ¶ R.G. Walter, president of the company, said the dam would "make a significant contribution to the economic stability and development of the Wisconsin River Valley. ¶ By increasing and stabilizing the Wisconsin River flow, it (the dam) would increase the water flow during low-water periods, boost the power generation of the existing hydro-electric plants on the river by an estimated 5,800,000 kilowatt hours annually and enable the papermills and power companies below it to get the maximum production		
12/19/1957 (cont)	Environment (cont)	from their power facilities for much longer periods than they are getting," Walter said. ¶ The dependable, adequate source of water which the reservoir will help provide is a benefit to the papermills for manufacturing processes. This further development of the Wisconsin reservoir system will help assure a reliable source of economically produced power, which is a vital factor to Wisconsin Valley Papermills in meeting the competition of the expanding paper industry in the south and of those states where government subsidized power is provided. Thus the New Wood reservoir would also contribute to stable employment in the area.""		
12/19/1957	Businesses	[THE FOLLOWING MERCHANTS RAN ADS] "1. Schlais Clothing Store "Make our store your store." ¶ 2. Marshall-Wells Store, Ruby Kring's and Mel Theilig, owners. ¶ 3. F.E.U. [Farmer's Equity Union] Livestock Cooperative Shipping Association. Lawrence (Bud) Schreiner, Route 1, Rib Lake. Ship your livestock. If you want to get the most for your livestock, ship through this association. ¶ 4. Curran Law Office. Clifford L. Curran, attorney at law, Newburg Building. Phone 276, Medford, Wis. ¶ 5. Vernon Hanke, agent for Mobil Oil Products, Rib Lake. ¶ 6. The Spirit Store, Fred K. Straumbaum, Highway 102 and 86. ¶ 7. Vlach's 102 Tavern, Adolph and Margaret Vlach, Route 1, Rib Lake. ¶ 7. Smith's Welding Service, Herman K. Smith, Rib Lake. ¶ 8. Sunny Hill Resort and Store, the Ralph Fjeldhelms, Route 1, Rib Lake. ¶ 9. The Maple Knoll, Bill and Emily Waldhart, Route 1, Rib Lake. ¶ 10. The Open Door, on Spirit Lake, Dorothy and Virgil Miller. ¶ 11. Tellier's Tap, Alta, Ed and Preston, Rib Lake. ¶ 12. C.C. Lord Bookkeeping, business service, income tax reports, Rib Lake. ¶ 13. Maude's Gift Shop and Menning's Barbershop, Rib Lake.	I have attempted to provide a comprehensive list of merchants doing work in the Rib Lake area here. Please note the reference to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Taylor running a lumber and fuel business. This enterprising couple had opened this business in the former Rib Lake Lumber Company machine shop at 670 McComb Ave. In 2008 the building is the Fisher Creek Pet Food Company; it stands in the SE corner of McComb and STH 102.	
12/19/1957 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ 14. Hoppa's Resort, across the lake, Jack and Stella Hoppa. ¶ 15. Bob Gums painting and decorating, Rib Lake. ¶ 16. Dr. and Mrs. Duane D. Powers, Rib Lake. ¶ 17. The Sport Shop, Mr. and Mrs. John Haas. ¶ 18. Art's D-X Service, Mr. and Mrs. Art Schultz and Dean. ¶ 19. Gem Products, Inc., Manufacturers of Glov-Ett comfort shoes. ¶ 20. Hartwig and Ruesch, "we make a home out of a house" Medford. ¶ 21. The Cattail Tap, Mel Budimlija, Highway C & M, Star Route, Whittlesey. ¶ 22. The Sweet Shop, by the Ol' Swimmin' Hole, Selma and Alan Carlson, Harper Lake. ¶ 23. Cliff's Friendly Service, Mobil Products, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fitch. ¶ 24. The Lakeside, Mr. and Mrs. Southwell Rosenfeldt, Rib Lake. ¶ 25. Becker's Tavern, Frank and Celia, Rib Lake. ¶ 26. Gordon Nordgren, your Standard Oil Agent, Rib Lake. ¶ 27. Rib Lake Beauty Shop, Jeanette Rapp, National Hotel, Rib Lake. ¶ 28. Tlusty Beverage and Bottling Company, owned and operated by George J. Tlusty, Rib Lake. ¶ 29. Taylor's Funeral Service - Lumber and fuel, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Taylor, Rib Lake. ¶ 30. Harper Lake Tavern, Peanuts, Shirley and Karen Olson, Route 1, Westboro.	¶ Another business in Rib Lake that must be mentioned is that of the Rib Lake Herald and print shop, ably operated by Eugene and Lillian Clifford. ¶ Another important Rib Lake business was the Rib Lake Telephone Company, owned by John (Tubby) Eckhoff. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Heindl, doing business as Heindl's Clover Farm Store, were other long-time merchants. Heindl's grocery store stood on the southeast corner of State Road and Elm and Lake Streets.]	
12/19/1957 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ 31. The National Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Mitchell, Rib Lake. ¶ 32. State Bank of Medford, stations at Rib Lake and Ogema. ¶ 33. Johnnie's Tap, Johnnie and Phil Dolezalek, Rib Lake. ¶ 34. Patrick's Shoe Store, Seldon Patrick, Rib Lake. ¶ 35. Heindl's Clover Farm Store, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Heindl, Rib Lake. ¶ 36. New Lake Theatre, Paul and Arlene, Rib Lake. ¶ 37. Kiger Oil Company, Edwin Thums, Rib Lake agent. ¶ 38. William A. Gessert, Livestock Dealer, Rib Lake. ¶ 39. A&W Root Beer Stand, the Henrickson's and Mohr's, Rib Lake. ¶ 40. Laab's Dairy Comany, Makers of fine cheese, Westboro. ¶ 41. The Blue Royal, Arnold, Ellen and Gene Krueger, Highways 13 and 102. ¶ 42. Eternalite Fiberglass, Inc., Jerry Gums, now operating in Westboro. ¶ 43. Joe and May's Tavern, Joe and May Soper, on the corner in Westboro. ¶ 44. Rib Lake Cheese Company, Rib Lake. ¶ 45. Sunderlin's Service and appliances, Dri-Gas, the all-purpose fuel, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sunderlin, Rib Lake. ¶ 46. Lakeview Resort on Spirit Lake, Marty and Inez Vanucha. ¶ 47. Hi-Way C Grocery, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frombach, Route 1, Rib Lake.		

12/19/1957 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ 48. The Gamble Store, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Budimlja, Rib Lake. ¶ 49. The Little Bohemia, Satch, Rudy, Art, Emil [Kapitz], Rib Lake. 50. Zondlo's Tavern and Ballroom, the George and Frank Zondlos, Route 1, Rib Lake. ¶ 51. North Side Garage, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rademacher, Rib Lake. ¶ 52. Seidel's Housekeeping Cottages on North Harper Lake, Theresa and George Seidel. ¶ 53. Herb and Tina's Tavern, Herb and Tina Duesing, Highways 13 & M. ¶ 54. Gordon Sinclair Super Service, Dick and Mary Gordon, Rib Lake. ¶ 55. Zielke's Store, Harold and Theo, Rib Lake. ¶ 56. Upjohn Drug Store, Thelma and Dick Upjohn, Rib Lake. ¶ 57. Bogumil Locker, Pete and Clara Bogumil, Rib Lake. ¶ 58. Rib Lake Roller Mill, Victor Kohn, proprietor, Rib Lake. ¶ 59. Rib Lake Bakery, Louis Heglmeier, Rib Lake. ¶ 60. Standard Heater oil, furnace fuel, kerosene, gasoline, Gordon Nordgren, Rib Lake. ¶ 61. South Side Garage, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Cihasky."		
12/26/1957	Businesses	"Here is Adolph Vlach with his third and last load of Christmas trees, just before he left for Chicago on Monday of last week. He trucked some 2,000 choice trees to the south side lot and neighborhood where he had sold trees for many years. Adolph's getting to be a fixture in that community around holiday time."	The Herald displays a semi truckload of Christmas trees with Adolph standing just behind the cab.	
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1/2/1958	Clubs/Orders	YOUTHS URGED TO JOIN 4-H CLUB "A preview of the 1958 4-H club enrollment drive announced January 11-18 as "join a 4-H club week," according to county club agent Allen H. Lietzke. ¶ At this time, rural and city girls and boys can begin activities and educational projects, community service and enjoyable club work. ¶ Taylor County now has 520 members in 32 clubs under the guidance of 102 volunteer local leaders. The goal for 1958 has been set at 600 active members. ¶ "Any boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 21 may join this youth organization," Lietzke said. "Projects are offered in the field of agriculture and home economics along with work in arts and crafts. New projects in photography and conservation are being introduced into county programs for 1958."...		
1/9/1958	Schools	NEW GRADE SCHOOL NEARLY READY FOR USE "The old and new in Rib Lake's educational system are pictured here. Above is the new \$100,000 grade school, which will be occupied by the 6 grades now accommodated in the old wood frame Ward School shown below. ¶ Workmen were scrubbing the floors and applying a coat of sealer to prevent cracking of the concrete this week and Principal Robert Becker said the move would be made next week, probably during the latter part. ¶ The handsome new, one story building named "Clear View" has 6 classrooms for the 6 grades, toilets for boys and girls, a kitchen, an office for the principal, a teacher's lounge and a large "all purpose" room. ¶ The latter is at the north end of the building and will be used for a lunch room, or recreation, entertainment, assemblies and similar purposes.	The former Clearview school building is, in 2008, the public library and village hall, 615 Pearl St.	
1/9/1958 (cont)	Schools (cont)	¶ Becker said the school board is well satisfied with the new building, which upon completion, has a monetary value at least one third in excess of the approximately \$100,000 spent on it. ¶ The "bargain" resulted from careful planning of the board and the architect, and a good fortune of securing a contractor who did good work with the excellent materials at an unusually reasonable price."		
1/23/1958	Utilities	TELEGRAPH FIRM FILES A PETITION "A petition of the Western Union Telegraph Company to 'discontinue' telegraph service and close its agency in Rib Lake has been filed with the Federal Communications Commission, according to legal advertisements appearing elsewhere in this issue. ¶ Interested parties have until February 13 to express their approval or disapproval by writing to the commission at Washington. L.C. Thornton, District Superintendent for the company at Minneapolis, said that since the Soo Line closed its depot, the Upjohn Drug Store has served as agency for the acceptance and delivery of telegrams, which were dispatched and received through the Westboro Soo Line office. ¶ In order to save time lost by giving the messages to the agency for redelivery, the Soo Line telephone messages direct to the subscriber whenever possible, and, conversely, most of the people of Rib Lake would bypass the agency and telephone their outgoing messages direct to the Westboro depot. ¶ Thornton said the drug store had not been called upon to handle any telegraph business for the past several months, so it was mutually decided to cancel the agency contract, effective Dec. 17, 1957."	Telegraph, not telephone, poles and wires still ran along the old Soo Line railroad tracks through the Town of Westboro right up to the railroad's abandonment in 1989.	
1/23/1958	Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	ICE FISHING CONTEST REPORTED A SUCCESS ¶ "One of the largest crowds in its 7-year history attended the annual ice fishing contest, sponsored by the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association on Rib Lake last Sunday. ¶ Exactly 528 tickets were sold for the event and at one time during the fishing hours more than 100 cars owned by participants were parked on the ice. ¶ Throngs crowded into the Lakeside, contest headquarters, from noon until well after 4:00 p.m., contest closing hour, and consumed approximately 50 gallons of chicken booyah as well as liquid refreshments. ¶ Frank Yanko, president of the club, reported that net profits were about \$311, which ranks favorably with any of the previous years. ¶ The grand prize, an outboard motor, went to Sam Rohrich, Stetsonville, who didn't happen to be present when his name was drawn by Kim Wolf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wolf of Wausau..."		

1/23/1958	Wolves & Environment	THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT FINDS: "It is only predators on land that are frowned upon by people. Some of the most predatory of fishes, such as muskellunge and northern pike, are highly prized and here nobody suggests control. The species are competitive and a high northern population may hold down the population of muskellunge."	In 2008 Wisconsin forests are being, by and large, substantially overbrowsed by whitetail deer - which have flourished to record population. Yet no one dares suggest a bigger wolf population be allowed to prey upon and control deer numbers.	
1/30/1958	Rib Lake - Village & Utilities	STEPS PLANNED TO CHECK BAD ODOR, TASTE, OF WATER "Immediate steps to correct the odor and taste of the local water supply were taken this week by the village board, it was revealed Tuesday night after the true cause of the trouble was determined. ¶ Wesley Stiel left early Wednesday morning for Neillsville to get a temporary supply of black carbon, which was recommended by Gene Kelley, District State Health Engineer of Rhinelander, to correct the taste and odor. ¶ The trouble is caused by an algae gas, which formed under the ice of Little Rib Lake, source of the village water supply, due to the lack of oxygen. ¶ Kelley explained, when informed of the trouble, he said that other communities, including Neillsville, Black River Falls and Hurley, had experienced similar problems. ¶ Formation of the gas has been intensified over a period of several days due to the absence of sunshine. Kelley assured Stiel by telephone that the black carbon, a powdery substance which will be fed into the water at the filtration plant, will correct the taste and odor in short order.	Bad-tasting water was a chronic problem. The village got its drinking water, c. 1949-1990, from Little Rib Lake.	
1/30/1958 (cont)	Rib Lake - Village & Utilities (cont)	¶ In addition, the state man suggested that a large hole be cut in the ice over the intake connected to the pipe which brings the supply down to the village. This would allow more oxygen into the water and thus would tend to correct the gaseous situation, he said. ¶ When the odor and taste first developed slightly, it was assumed that they were caused by clogging of sand in the filter beds. The old sand was removed and a new supply installed, before it was realized that this was not the cause of the trouble. ¶ John Eckhoff, village president, pointed out that a constant check on the purity of the water has been maintained throughout the period. There is nothing wrong with it chemically, he said, it just smells and tastes bad."		
2/6/1958	Agriculture	FARMERS WILL MEET TO SIGN UP FOR NEW CONSERVATION PLAN "Plans for the annual sign-up of farmers for this year's agricultural conservation plan (ACP), have been announced by the Taylor County ASC committee headed by Chairman Louis Kasperek. Ken Hein, Route 1, is a member of the county committee..."		
2/13/1958	Obituary	MASONIC RIGHTS FOR WILLIAM J. TETZLAFF "Funeral services were held last Thursday at Milwaukee for William John Tetzlaff, 52, former Rib Lake resident who died Monday in the living quarters at a St. Cloud hotel, which he had operated for about 6 years. ¶ The services were held at the Heiden and Lange Funeral Home in Milwaukee and were conducted by the Henry L. Palmer Lodge #301, A&F.M. Burial was at the Wisconsin Memorial Park Cemetery. ¶ Mr. Tetzlaff was born in Rib Lake January 9, 1906, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Tetzlaff and attended schools here. He lived at Milwaukee before going to St. Cloud, which is east of Fond du Lac. ¶ Surviving are the wife, the former Helen Krolheski; four sons, Danny, Robert and William of Milwaukee; and Michael of St. Cloud; a daughter, Marsha, Milwaukee; a sister, Mrs. Eugene Hein, Rib Lake, and a brother, Ernest Tetzlaff, Rib Lake, and one granddaughter. ¶ Attending the funeral from Rib Lake were Mrs. Hein, Ernest Tetzlaff and Mrs. Fred Mielke. Mrs. Anna Snyder, cousin, Marshfield, also attended."	The Tetzlaff homestead farm was the E1/2 - SW 1/4, Section 24, Town 33, Range 2 East. In 2008, it is owned by Arthur and Marlene Gerstberger, W2606 STH 102.	
2/13/1958	Rib Lake Village & Utilities	ROTARY PLOW BOUGHT "Purchase of the rotary snowplow, which the village had on trial for most of the winter, was approved by the village board. ¶ Price for the device, which has been mounted on the old tractor maintainer, was \$2,075. ¶ The trustees heard reports that the bad odor and taste of the village water supply has been corrected at least partially by the feeding of powdered carbon into the filtration plant and mains. This treatment will be continued as long as is necessary. ¶ Wesley Stiel, water superintendent, reported that Gene Kelley, Rhinelander, district engineer for the state board of health, was here last week. In addition to checking on the current problem of odor and taste, Kelley said he would make some checks to determine if the present chemical treatment, which involves the use of soda ash, alum, and caustic soda, might be replaced with a lime treatment, which would result in a decrease in filtration costs."		
2/13/1958	Law	FIBERGLASS PLANT DISPUTE BRINGS LARCENY CHARGE "Preliminary hearing on a larceny charge against Franklin Tlusty, Route 2, Medford, was scheduled to get underway Wednesday afternoon before Justice Bert C. Alm at Medford, District Attorney Ray Scott reported. ¶ Filing the formal charge against Tlusty came after a two-week period in which several "John Doe" or closed investigation hearings, were conducted by the District Attorney, as a result of a disagreement in connection with the affairs of Eternalite Fiberglass, Inc., now operating a plastic casket factory in Westboro. ¶ Gerald Gums, Rib Lake, and Leo Metzler, Medford, principal stockholders in the firm, which was operated in the old tannery building here until it burned late in November, reported about 2 weeks ago that Tlusty, also a stockholder in the firm, had taken some of the firm's material from the Westboro factory and installed them in another building, where he was starting a plastic factory, near Whittlesey.		

2/13/1958 (cont)	Law (cont)	¶ Sheriff Marlin Curran went to the Whittlesey property with a search warrant, and the John Doe proceedings then put the cloak of secrecy on the affair, officially. ¶ It was learned that several from Rib Lake, including Bob Gums, Lee Waldhart and Del Sievers, had been working at the Whittlesey building, and some or all of them were among the witnesses who testified at the closed investigative hearings conducted by the District Attorney..."		
2/20/1958	Environment	REPRESENTATIVE REUSS ACTS IN FLOWAGE SQUABBLE "Representative Henry S. Reuss, Milwaukee, Democrat, got into the New Wood flowage fight last week when he announced at Washington that he has taken steps to prevent the construction of a dam and flowage east of Rib Lake in Lincoln County, without a full hearing for conservation interests. ¶ Part of the tract where the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company seeks Public Service Commission approval to construct the flowage, Reuss explained, formerly was part of a national forest, and was conveyed by the United States to Lincoln County on July 11, 1947, with the provision that the land revert to the United States if it ever should cease "to be used for public forest purposes," Reuss said. ¶ Reuss said that he had been advised by Lee Woerpel, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Federation of Conservation Clubs, Stevens Point, that the company intends to flood the land as part of a reservoir in the New Wood bottomlands.	I was privileged to get to know Rep. Reuss when we served together on the Board of Directors of the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation. Henry was an ardent proponent of the Ice Age Trail and played an important role in its construction through the Rib Lake area. Reuss played a vital role in having the public hiking trail between the Ice Age Trail and Timm's Hill declared the Timm's Hill National Trail, a part of the National Trail system;	
2/20/1958 (cont)	Environment (cont)	¶ Woerpel informed Reuss that the area contained 9 deer yards and that the proposed flooding would totally or partially destroy 5 of them. "This would reduce the capacity of the area to sustain the deer population by at least 40%, as remaining yards are already filled to capacity," Woerpel said. ¶ Reuss' aid was requested by Woerpel and Charles H. Kolliso, Conservation Director of the National Wildlife Federation, Washington DC. ¶ Reuss said that he had written the US Forest Service director that they give him notice and an opportunity to appear if any attempt were made to change the provisions of the deed requiring that the land be used "for public forest purposes."...	in 1988 Henry threatened then Secretary of the Interior, Marshall Lujan, with a congressional hearing if the National Park Service continued to dilly-dally over an application I had submitted to have the Timm's Hill Trail formally approved by the National Park Service; his letter brought immediate and positive results. Rep. Reuss died in 2005.	
2/27/1958	Obituary & Spirit Lake	ANTON KNORN, 48, DIES IN HOSPITAL "Funeral services were held today at 10:00 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Church for Anton J. Knorn, 48, who died Sunday at Marshfield Hospital, where he had been for two weeks. He had been ill for about 5 weeks with an embolism. ¶ The Rev. Robert Stock will officiate, and burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers named were Louis Heiser, Adolph Walbeck, Marion Blair, George and Andy Zondlo and Charles Blair. ¶ Mr. Knorn was born Sept. 9, 1909, at Rib Lake and was married to Emma Jeane Berg on Dec. 27, 1939. ¶ The couple made their home on the Frank Knorn farm, near Spirit Lake, which he continued to farm after his father retired. He was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. ¶ Survivors are his wife, his father Frank, 7 children, all at home, Ruth, Rozella, Philomenia, Judith, Deborah, Joseph and Daniel; also three sisters, Augusta, Mrs. Charles Mayer, Los Angeles; Johanna, Mrs. Max Rick, Milwaukee; Josephine, Mrs. Robert Orgish, Stevens Point; 3 brothers, Richard of Denver, Colorado; Carl, Kenosha; and Paul, Chippewa Falls. ¶ His mother preceded him in death in October of 1948."	The Knorn farm, in Section 8, T33N-R3E, has one of the few dairy herds left in the Town of Rib Lake. In 2008, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Knorn transferred it to their daughter and son-in-law. The farm address is W1804 Bear Ave.	
2/27/1958	Rib Lake Herald	IF YOU HAVE--- "Celebrated a birthday, been on a trip, entertained guests, caught a big fish, moved, eloped, had a baby, been in a fight, sold your hogs, cut a new tooth, sold out, had an operation, bought an airplane, had company, been married, been robbed, been arrested, been shot, stolen anything, lost your hair or done anything at all --- telephone or drop a postcard or come in, or any convenient way, inform the Herald, phone 48, because what you've done is news!"	At this time the Herald regularly printed a section "Possibly about you". It typically was filled with this type of coverage: "Saturday evening visitors at the Don Taylor home were Mr. and Mrs. Gehrman Radtke, Wausau. ¶ Mrs. Julius Gilge was taken to the Medford Hospital in the Taylor ambulance on Thursday. ¶ Friends gathered at the Vernon Hanke home Saturday night to help him celebrate his birthday. ¶ Al Peissig spent several days the early part of the week in Black Creek on business..." In addition, the Herald regularly printed the "Spirit roundup," news from the Spirit area but with a separate section on the "German settlement." German settlement is that portion of the Spirit township centered at CTH YY and German Settlement Road.	

3/13/1958	Obituary & Rusch	MRS. KNOP DIES; ILL MANY MONTHS "Funeral services were held for Mrs. Bertha Knop, 70, daughter of one of Rib Lake pioneer families, were held Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which she was a member. ¶ The Rev. Henry Geischen officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were her nephews, Foster Kalk, Alfred and Albert Knop, Joe Frombach, Jr., and Irwin and Herbert Stelling. ¶ Mrs. Knop, who had been seriously ill for a year and a half, with an incurable disease, died late last Saturday afternoon at the Nickerson Rest Home in Phillips. ¶ Born July 17, 1887, in Rib Lake, the daughter of Carl and Bertha Bollsey Kalk, she attended the Rib Lake schools and in 1910 was married to Carl Knop, and the family lived on a farm in the Town of Rib Lake. ¶ Her survivors are a daughter, Frances, Mrs. Charles Clendenning; five sons; Charles, Chicago; Harvey and John, Glencoe, Minnesota; Robert, Rochester, Minnesota; and Henry, Lake Geneva; a sister, Mrs. John Stelling; two brothers, Charles Kalk, Rib Lake; and Fred Kalk, Wood; 8 grandchildren. A sister, Mattie, Mrs. Ted Pepowski, preceded her in death in 1941.	The Knop family emigrated from the German province of Posen; it was transferred to Poland by the 1919 Treaty of Versailles and renamed Poznan.	
3/13/1958 (cont)	Obituary & Rusch (cont)	¶ Attending the funeral from out of town were Mrs. Knop's five sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Herman, Mrs. Carl Dunkel, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bleck, Phillips; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knop, Junction City; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stelling and son, Tomahawk; Mr. and Mrs. Abe Christianson, Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Freiboth and Mrs. Fred Freiboth, Sr., Manitowoc."		
3/13/1958	Obituary & Greenwood	FRED STEINMAN, 71, STRICKEN SUDDENLY "Funeral services for Frederick Steinman, 71, pioneer Town of Greenwood farmer, were held Tuesday at 3:00 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Greenwood, with the Rev. Joseph Krubsack officiating. ¶ Mr. Steinman sustained a stroke last Saturday evening and died shortly after his admittance to the Medford Hospital, where he had been driven by his sons. ¶ Pallbearers were Leonard, Marvin and Raymond Peche and Fred, Elmer and Art Freiboth. Burial was in the church cemetery. ¶ Born June 16, 1886, at Black Creek, the son of Rudolph and Mary Klug Steinman, he came to Greenwood 64 years ago. In 1909 he was married to Martha Peche. The couple farmed and Mr. Steinman also worked in the woods for many years..."		
3/20/1958	Railroads - Wis. Central	SOO LINE WOULD DROP PASSENGER LINE TO ASHLAND "Abandonment of passenger service on the Spencer to Ashland division of the Soo Line, which serves Rib Lake through Westboro and Chelsea depots, will be sought by the railroad, according to officials who visited at Westboro last week. ¶ A petition to eliminate the twice daily passenger trains will be filed with the State Public Service Commission soon....¶ The trains are designated numbers 117 and 118. ¶ One train goes south in the evening and the other north early in the morning. Dvorak said the program does not involve any change in freight schedules and that mail ordinarily hauled on the passenger trains would be conveyed by other means. Express would be transported by truck. A star route now brings mail from the north along Highway 13 in the morning and returns mail from the south in the afternoon. ¶ The railroad also would seek a change in its passenger service between Chicago and the twin ports of Duluth-Superior, according to the Owen enterprise.	These petitions for abandonment of passenger service were part of the nationwide death of passenger railroad service, culminating in 1972, when all privately run, long distance railroad passenger service ended; in 1971 the federal government saved a fraction of railroad passenger service by the creation of Amtrak.	
3/20/1958 (cont)	Railroads - Wis. Central (cont)	¶ Under the proposal, passenger train 17, which now leaves Chicago at 6:00 p.m. and arrives at Duluth at 7:45 a.m., would delay its departure until 10:00 p.m., picking up late mail out of Chicago. Under the present schedule train 17 arrives at Owen at 3:40 a.m. ¶ When train 17 arrives in Owen, it is split into two sections. One section known as train 5 would leave Owen at 6:43 a.m. and arrive at St. Paul at 10:00 a.m. instead of 7:45 as it does under the existing schedule. Train 6 would leave St. Paul at 10:30 p.m. instead of 7:10 p.m. and arrive at Owen at 1:42 a.m. instead of 11:00 p.m. Train 18 from Duluth would leave there at 9:40 p.m. instead of 7:15 p.m. and arrive at Owen at 2:05 a.m. instead of 11:05 p.m."		
3/20/1958	Obituary & Rusch	MRS. JULIUS GILGE SUCCUMBS AFTER THREE WEEKS' ILLNESS "Funeral services for Mrs. Julius Gilge, 68, who died Sunday afternoon at Wisconsin General Hospital, Madison, will be held today (Thursday) at 2:00 p.m. from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which she was a member. ¶ The Rev. Henry Gieschen will officiate, and burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Charles Kalk, Eugene Hein, Joe Frombach, Jr., Mike Schwartz, Conrad Hein and Fred Radtke. ¶ Mrs. Gilge had been briefly ill, being in the Medford Hospital for 8 days and the Madison Hospital for a succeeding 8 days for observation. She succumbed during an attempted brain operation. ¶ Born Martha Rusch June 7, 1889 at Fairchild, the daughter of Herman and Wilhelmina Rusch, the family moved to Rib Lake when she was a child, occupying the present F.P. Schaack home on Fayette Avenue. She was married to Julius Gilge on Sept. 19, 1911, and the couple made their home on the Gilge farm home on CTH C until retiring and purchasing a home in the village last August.	Martha Gilge was a special aunt of mine. Barely 5 feet tall, she always had a twinkle in her eye. In the early 1950's we would spend a week vacation at her farm home on Highway C. She and her wonderful family taught me the joys of farm life.	
3/20/1958 (cont)	Obituary & Rusch (cont)	¶ Survivors are her husband, two daughters; Mildred, Mrs. William Landshaft, Naperville, Illinois; and Bernice, Mrs. Conrad Roder, Jr., Route 1; six sons; Elmer and Walter, Rib Lake; Hugo of Phillips; Herman, Alvin and Julius, Jr. of Milwaukee; three sisters, Anna, Mrs. Robert Bleck, Sr., Rib Lake; Hattie, Mrs. Harry Johnson, Cornell; Bertha, Mrs. Walter Kurth, Milwaukee; two brothers, Oscar Rusch, Phillips; and Herman Rusch, Milwaukee; and 24 grandchildren. ¶ She was preceded in death by her parents, three sons; Adolph, Gilbert and Arthur, and three brothers, Otto, Robert and Gust."		

3/20/1958	Businesses	COMPANY DISSOLVED "TILE FACTORY" SOLD "Dissolution of the corporation owned by Rib Lake Industries, Inc., was approved by stockholders at a meeting last Saturday afternoon. ¶ The former acoustical tile factory building, which comprised the corporation's physical assets, was sold to Elmer Taylor for \$500, stockholders said. ¶ The building, then occupied by Eternalite Fiberglass, Inc., manufacturers of caskets and other plastic products, was gutted by fire last November. ¶ Taylor said that he planned to clear the building, which now is mostly a concrete floor and four concrete walls, of the fire debris, but has no immediate plans for rebuilding it. The structure would need an entire new roof and a new second floor, both of which were destroyed by the blaze, to be restored to its previous condition. ¶ Rib Lake Industries, Inc., which, with about 10 stockholders, was formed among stockholders of the former Absorb-A-Tone firm, which had bought the old building, originally part of the tannery property, and put it into shape for the short-lived operations of the acoustical tile manufacturing company."	In 2008, you can still see some of the accoustical tile made in Rib Lake; look for the tile in the Little Bohemia tavern, 806 McComb Ave.	
3/27/1958	Obituary & J.J. Kennedy & family	MRS. KENNEDY BURIED "Friends here have learned of the death in Kenosha last week of Mrs. Mary Katherine Kennedy, 85, at St. Katherine Hospital after an illness of two months. ¶ She was the widow of Allen Kennedy, formerly a blacksmith for the lumber company here. ¶ She was born in Apple Hill, Ontario, Canada, on April 22, 1872, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Agnes MacDonell. She spent her early life in Canada and in 1892 moved to Ironwood, Michigan. She was married to Mr. Kennedy on July 26, 1892, at St. Andrew's, Ontario. They moved to Rib Lake in 1893 and remained here until after his death on August 22, 1924, when she moved to Kenosha. ¶ Surviving are two sons, John A. Kennedy, and Leonard A. Kennedy, and two daughters, Mrs. Leo Downing and Mrs. Earl Bain, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, all of Kenosha."	To the best of my information, Allen Kennedy was not a blood relative of J.J. Kennedy, the founder of Rib Lake. For further information of the Kennedy's in Rib Lake, consult the "Movers and Shakers: Cast of Characters to Early Rib Lake," Doc. #12269	
3/27/1958	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	GAS STATION IS SOLD "Sale of Art's Filling Station on the north end of Main Street [McComb Ave.] to William and Eugene Duchene was announced this week by Arthur J. Schultz, who had operated the establishment for about 25 years. The new owners will take over on April 1. ¶ Gene Duchene has been employed by Ed Stamm for the past several years, and his brother, William, a former Chicago resident, is a comparative newcomer. ¶ The sale involves the filling station proper and the adjacent home. It is understood that the Duchene brothers will continue the sale of D-X products and maintain the grease, oil, tire and minor repair service, which has accommodated Rib Lake motorists since 1933. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Schultz have no definite plans for the future, but expect to move to some other community, unless some indefinite prospects keep them here. Their sons, Dean and Franklin, have been associated with their father in operating the station. ¶ Mr. Schultz is a veteran member of the village board and has driven a school bus for many years."	In 2008 this real estate, 844 McComb Ave., is owned by Barry Anderson, doing business as "Barry's Body Shop." ¶ The March 20th edition of the Herald carried an ad indicating that the gas station on the south end of McComb Ave., the Sinclair Station, had been sold by Dick Gordon to Robert Melaski; in 2008, this is owned by Cindy and Greg Hanke, d/b/a C&G Mini Mart, 910 McComb Ave.	
4/3/1958	Obituary & Mud Lake	MRS. JOE KAUER, SR., DIES AT 86 "Funeral services for Mrs. Joseph Kauer, Sr., 86, were held Wednesday at 10:30 from St. John the Baptist Church with her son, Fr. John Kauer of Dobey, officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers were Edwin Thums, Joe Pertmer, Sr., Fred Niggemann, George Seidel, Stanley Sczflarski and George Thums. ¶ Mrs. Kauer had been ill for about a year at her home, an early farm near Mud Lake, now occupied by her son and family, the Peter Kauers, before she died Monday evening. ¶ The former Anna Roensbies, daughter of Albert and Justina Roensbies, was born in Germany November 28, 1871, coming to this country in 1900. She was married to Joseph Kauer on Jan. 21, 1901, at Holy Rosary Church in Medford. ¶ She is survived by two daughters, Mary, Mrs. Eugene Gramiling, at home; Margaret, Mrs. Richard Hartzheim, Appleton; four sons, Joseph F., Wood Lake; Anton, Randle, Washington; Peter A. and Fr. John; 20 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother and sister and by her husband, who died September 1955. ¶ She was a member of the Christian Mother's Society and the Altar Society."		
4/3/1958	Obituary	ADALBERT QUEDNOW BURIED ON MONDAY "Funeral services for Adalbert Quednow, 79, early Rib Lake farmer, who died last Friday at Medford Hospital, where he had been confined for a month, were held Monday morning from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, of which he was a member. ¶ Pallbearers were Peter and Joe Kauer, John Bonde, George Zondlo, Ray Schreiner and Charles Schmidtfranz. ¶ Mr. Quednow was born July 6, 1878, in Germany, coming to this country in 1895. He came to this area from Chicago in 1900, settling on a farm two miles east of the Rib Lake town hall. He was married Sept. 8, 1914, to Anna Witz at Rib Lake. ¶ He is survived by his wife, four daughters; Mary, Mrs. Frank Fuchs, Rib Lake; Anna, Mrs. Joseph Finch; Katherine, Mrs. Perry Stams; and Hattie, Mrs. William Rohr, all of Chicago; seven sons, John, Town of Greenwood; Edward, Austin, Minnesota; Joseph, Prentice; Albert, Town of Spirit; Frank and Anton, Rib Lake; and Louis, with the United States Navy in Hawaii; also 29 grandchildren."		
4/3/1958	Physician & Rib Lake - Village	DOCTOR IS COMING TO RIB LAKE "Rib Lake's long campaign for medical services came to a successful conclusion with the announcement that Dr. Robert L. Pettera of Milwaukee will begin a general practice of medicine here this summer. ¶ At present, Dr. Pettera, 28, is nearing completion of a year as resident physician in St. Mary's Hospital, Milwaukee. ¶ Dr. Pettera and his family were in the village last Thursday and Friday and made the formal announcement of his intention to practice here to the citizen's committee on doctor procurement, headed by Mrs. Carl Marschke. ¶ He expects to establish his office in the village clinic building on or about August 1..."	The dynamic drive of the citizens to find a medical doctor for Rib Lake was successful!	

4/17/1958	Obituary	SID BONNEVILLE DIES "Funeral services were scheduled for 9:30 a.m. today from the Taylor Funeral Home and 10:00 a.m. from St. John the Baptist Church for Sicilian "Sid" Bonneville, 66, a former Rib Lake resident...Mr. Bonneville was born May 4, 1891, at Lancaster, the son of Alphonse and Angela Castena Bonneville, who later came to Rib Lake and built the National Hotel, across Railroad Street from its present location. ¶ The son operated a barbershop adjacent to the hotel building, and when it was moved across the street to its present location, conducted his shop briefly in the room which now houses the beauty shop. ¶ They moved to Chicago at about 1938..."	When first built, the two-story National Hotel stood in the NW corner of McComb Ave. and Railroad Street. As part of a RLLC dry yard expansion, the lumber company bought that land. The hotel owners moved the large structure, c. 1922, 300 feet south to the SW corner of the intersection. The National Hotel was sold to Don Obenhauser and burned - under mysterious circumstances - c. 1975. In 2008, its site is occupied by Lakewood Credit Union, 1003 Railroad St.	
4/17/1958	Obituary	MR. AND MRS. ECKHOFF EXPIRE SUDDENLY A FEW HOURS APART "Double funeral services were to be held at 2:00 p.m. today for Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Eckhoff, both of whom died Monday at Sacred Heart Hospital at Tomahawk after brief illnesses...Mr. Eckhoff had been in rather poor health for several months, but was not critically ill until Sunday morning, when he was taken to the hospital in the Taylor ambulance. ¶ Mr. Eckhoff was born in Columbus, Wisconsin, the son of John and Mary Eckhoff, on Sept. 5, 1882, and had been affiliated with the electric utility of Marshfield, where the family lived for several years, and with telephone companies at Hayward, Barron, Minocqua and Eagle River, before coming here to take over the Rib Lake phone system. He was a member of the Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge, and in early days had been a member of the National Guard. ¶ Mrs. Eckhoff was born in Omro on July 5, 1884, and has a sister, Mrs. James Solom, living at Embarass, Wisconsin...		
4/17/1958 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Both were active in civic affairs, Mr. Eckhoff having been a member of the Masonic and Old City bands, and the Commercial Club, and Mrs. Eckhoff having been a former member of the 20th Century Club and serving on the village library board for many years. ¶ Surviving the couple are two sons, John, President of the Village Board, who was associated with them in the operation of the telephone company, and Edward Peter, Prentice, and three grandchildren."		
5/8/1958	Harper Lake	SWIMMING BEACH IMPROVEMENTS AT SOUTH HARPER LAKE "About three dozen members and friends of the Rib Lake Commercial Club gathered at the South Harper Lake beach Tuesday evening and accomplished the more important phases of the beach's improvements. ¶ Several loads of sand were smoothed over the shore edge and into the lake to provide a satisfactory beach; guard posts were set to cut off the road, which formerly went through the area, and the open portion of the outlet was rip-wrapped with stone. A new coat of paint was supplied to the diving raft. ¶ Further plans call for the installation of a picnic table and erection of benches along the posts which mark off the beach area. When the weather warms, a series of bouys will be installed to provide a channel for the use of boats launched on the lake. Signs prohibiting the washing of automobiles at the point also will be installed. ¶ The work bee was followed by a dinner of roast bratwurst, baked beans, and potato salad at one of the outdoor fire places at the Carlson resort, with Louis Heglemeier as chef, and the club's business meeting in one of the cottages."	The outlet is the headwaters of Silver Creek, which drains northwesterly into Price County, where it empties into the Flambeau, then Chippewa, and then Mississippi River. Silver Creek was an important pine logging water. John S. Owen conducted pine harvests in the Town of Westboro. His memoirs reveal a camp and clearing with buildings alongside Silver Creek; its foreman, identified only as a "Mr. Harper," presumably gave his name to South and North Harper Lakes.	
5/15/1958	Obituary	MRS. NIGGEMANN, 78, AN EARLY RESIDENT, BURIED THIS MORNING "Funeral services for Mrs. Henry Niggemann, 78, daughter of a pioneer Rib Lake family, are scheduled to be held this Friday morning at 10:00 from the Taylor Funeral Home and at 10:30 from St. Ann's Church, Town of Greenwood, with burial in the cemetery there. ¶ Her son, Fr. Bernard Niggemann, Glenwood City, will conduct services. ¶ The former Mary Behrendt was born in Germany January 23, 1880, coming to this country in 1891 with her parents, the August Behrendt's, who soon became farmers in Greenwood on the land which is now the Frank Matyka farm. ¶ Following her marriage to Henry Niggemann, June 3, 1902, at Greenwood, the couple made their home on the Joseph Niggemann farm, southwest of the village on Highway 102, which had been established by the Niggemann family in 1884..."		
5/22/1958	Obituary	JERRY KAPITZ DIED SUDDENLY IN WEST; LAST RITES TODAY "Funeral services for Jerry Kapitz, 58, who died last Thursday at Tacoma, Washington, of a heart attack, were to be held today at 2:00 p.m. from the Methodist Church. ¶ The Rev. Warden K. Welch was to officiate, and burial will be in the family plot in Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Acting pallbearers will be Harry Talbot, Willow Lake; Emil Krushat, Oscar Olson, John Steen, Frank Becker and Charles Scharer. ¶ Honorary Pallbearers are Loyal Dingwall, Harold O. Ruesch, Kennedy Bulin, Oscar Marcus, Harold Govey, Donald Underwood, all of Medford; Harold Hauser, Stetsonville; John Eckhoff and Herbert Curran, Rib Lake. ¶ Born in Rib Lake Feb. 4, 1900, the son of Jacob and Mary Lange Kapitz, he attended Rib Lake schools, and while in his teens, joined the US Navy for service in WWI. Following his discharge from the Navy, he taught school in North Dakota, later becoming interested in construction work, which took him to the State of Washington where he worked on such projects as the Grand Coulee Dam.		

5/22/1958 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Mr. Kapitz was married to the former Elsie Gorichs, Town of Chelsea, in June 1929 at Bessemer, Michigan. ¶ He is survived by 4 children, Marilyn, Mrs. Marilyn Mauch, Wausau; Richard, serving with the US Air Force in England; Russell, a student at Stevens Point Teacher's College; Judy, Rib Lake High School; one grandchild, Dawn Mauch; also five sisters and four brothers. They are Cinda, Mrs. Jake Bursek, Westboro; Anna, Mrs. Gottlieb Diede, Richardton, North Dakota; Lydia, Mrs. David Diede, Hebron, North Dakota; Dorothy, Mrs. Al Kullas, Columbia Heights, Minnesota; Mildred, Mrs. Clayton Orttel, Anoka, Minnesota; Leonard, Hebron, North Dakota, and Rudolph Millard [Satch] and Arthur, all of Rib Lake..."		
5/29/1958	Environment & Law	NEW WOOD DAM PROPOSAL DENIED BY STATE AGENCY. ¶ The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin last week dismissed an application by the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company to build a dam on the New Wood River in Lincoln County about 9 miles east of Rib Lake. ¶ In refusing to issue a permit to build a dam, the PSC granted a motion filed by Attorney General Honeck on behalf of the State Conservation Commission. ¶ The company said Friday that it would appeal the dismissal to the courts... ¶ The sole issue involved is an interpretation of the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company's statutory grant of authority by the state legislature, said M.W. Kiger, Vice President of WVIC. ¶ The Public Service Commission said that the firm had no legal right to force the state to sell or give up flowage rights on any of the 1600 acres of land the state owned in the area. And there is no point in issuing a permit for a dam when the company is unable to acquire land or flowage rights, the PSC added..."	This ended round one of the unsuccessful effort to dam the New Wood. After the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company somehow got the Conservation Commission to change its mind, the battle was re-fought in the 1970's.	
6/19/1958	Obituary	EMMA RADTKE IS STRICKEN AFTER A LINGERING ILLNESS "Funeral services for Miss Emma Radtke, 63, who died at her home early Monday evening after an illness of 6 months, are to be held this afternoon from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. ¶ The Rev. Henry Gieschen will officiate, and burial will be in the family plot at Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Clarence Mielke, Fred Radtke, Ed Christianson, Fred Vlach, Ray Radtke and Ed Lamont. ¶ Born Oct. 6, 1894, on the farm southeast of the village, established by her father, Werner Radtke, her mother being the former Albertina Groshke, she had lived there all of her lifetime. She had operated the farm since the death of her father in 1940. ¶ Survivors are three brothers, William, Rib Lake; Otto, Appleton; Werner, at home; four sisters, Anna, Rib Lake; Minna at home; Frieda, Mrs. Ernest Golder, Rib Lake; and Elsa, Mrs. Meinard Schneider, Appleton. ¶ She was preceded in death by her parents, her mother in Dec. of 1919 and her father in Oct. of 1940, a brother, Paul, and two sisters, who died in infancy."		
7/3/1958	Fire & Environment	WESTBORO TOWER TO NEW LOCATION "Preliminary steps towards the removal of the Rindt fire tower to a more advantageous location were started last week, John C. Borkenhagen of Park Falls, District Ranger for the State Conservation Department, reports. ¶ The tower is now located on the Richard Rindt, Sr., farm, about 6 miles west of Westboro, and the new location planned is only about 3 miles west of Westboro at a spot on the Mach property, which is about 100 feet higher. ¶ Borkenhagen says the new location will enable the tower man to cover all of the territory now covered, as well as a considerable new territory to the east of the new location. ¶ Ranger crews from Prentice, Medford and Park Falls have been working on the preliminary phase, which includes the construction of a road from CTH D just east of the Sheep Ranch property to the new location, which is about a mile south of the county road.	As of 2008, both the Rib River tower and the Westboro tower still stand and are periodically used.	
7/3/1958 (cont)	Fire & Environment (cont)	¶ Borkenhagen said that a formal request to move the tower has been forwarded to the Federal Forest Service, which controls the Mondeaux section of the Chequamegon Forest, but formal approval has not been received as yet. ¶ The Wilderness tower in the old lumber company holdings northeast of the village is no longer used, the but the Rib River tower on CTH C about 1 1/2 miles north of CTH M, is still manned during the time when forest fire danger is high."		
7/10/1958	Obituary	STANLEY DYRCZ "Funeral services were held Monday at 10:00 a.m. from St. John's Catholic Church for Stanley Dyrz, 78, who died at his farm home early July 4, following an illness of about 2 1/2 years. ¶ Fr. Robert Stock officiated. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were George Zondlo, Anthony Kurek, Andrew Bucki, Sr., Stanley Kroll, Peter Beck and Joseph Hebda. ¶ Born in Poland June 30, 1880, Mr. Dyrz came to this country 45 years ago, settling on his farm east of the village, 38 years ago. He was married in Minnesota to Anna Pudlik May 6, 1919. ¶ Survivors are his wife, a daughter, Anna, Mrs. Alvin Cole, Chicago; a son, Joseph, Town of Greenwood; and a step-son, Walter Synol; a sister in Poland; and 13 grandchildren. ¶ A brother preceded him in death in Poland."		

7/10/1958	Obituary & RLLC	MRS. S.J. WILLIAMS "Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at the McCandless, Zoehl and Bradley Funeral Home, in Antigo, for Mrs. Theda Williams, 84, widow of Samuel J. Williams, former office manager for the RLLC, who died the previous Saturday at the Landlade County Memorial Hospital. ¶ The Rev. Harley L. Curtiss of the First Methodist Church of Antigo, of which she was a member, officiated. After the service, the body was brought to Rib Lake for interment in the family mausoleum at Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ The former Theda Richardson was born in Shippensville, Pennsylvania, on Sept. 2, 1873, the daughter of Lemuel and Mary Ann Krahrl Richardson. She lived in Pennsylvania and New York state before coming to Rib Lake with her husband, to whom she was married in Clarion, Pennsylvania, on June 24, 1890. They lived here until 1927 and then in Milwaukee, Rhinelander and Leona before moving to Antigo in 1936. ¶ She was active in the White Shrine of Jerusalem and the Jewel Chapter 19, Order of the Eastern Star..."	As of 2008, the Williams' mausoleum is the only mausoleum in Lakeview Cemetery.	
7/17/1958	Obituary	MEMBER OF EARLY FAMILY, MRS. YORDE, DIES AT AGE 87 "Funeral services will be held this Friday at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church for Mrs. Albert Yorde, 82, who died at her farm home on Tuesday. ¶ The Rev. Henry Gieschen will officiate, and burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Born July 19, 1875, in Germany, the former Ida Klein came to this country with her parents, Frank and Teresa Peche Klein in 1882, the family settling in the Town of Greenwood. She was married to George Kelnhofer in 1895 at Chelsea, where they lived until coming to Rib Lake in 1914. Mr. Kelnhofer for many years operated the grocery store at the present site of the IGA store. ¶ After Mr. Kelnhofer's death in 1923, she was married to Albert Yorde Dec. 16, 1925, in Rib Lake. ¶ Survivors are her husband, two sons, Edward and Arthur, Rib Lake; a brother, Edward Klein, Greenwood; and two sisters, Mrs. Martin Steen, Greenwood; and Mrs. Reinhold Mielke, Chicago; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A daughter, Mildred, preceded her in death in 1926."	The reference to the Kelnhofer Store is to the building now operated by Ed Zondlo, doing business as Ed's IGA, 108 McComb Ave.	
7/31/1958	Physician	PHYSICIAN STARTS PRACTICE TOMORROW "Dr. Robert L. Pettera will open his office for the practice of medicine and surgery in the Rib Lake Clinic building tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 1. It will be the first time in more than 7 years that the community has had the services of a resident physician and surgeon. ¶ Dr. Pettera plans to maintain regular office hours from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Fridays, and also be open Friday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ¶ Because the waiting room is rather small and is shared with the patients of Dr. Duane R. Powers, the dentist, who occupies a portion of the building, Dr. Pettera will try to schedule all of his patients on appointment basis. He will be available for emergency calls and visits, of course, but will seek to stick to the appointment plan whenever it is at all possible. ¶ The new doctor will be assisted by Mrs. Robert Melaski, the former Violet Schlais, a registered nurse, as receptionist and nurse. ¶ Dr. Pettera was graduated from Marquette University Medical School at Milwaukee in the spring of 1956 and took his year of internship at St. Mary's Hospital there, followed by a year at the same hospital as resident physician..."	The then-clinic is, in 2008, the Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., building, 657 McComb Ave.	
8/14/1958	Forest, County	COUNTY BOARD INSPECTS FOREST LAND "In a special order of business, the county board of supervisors toured the Taylor County forest crop lands last Thursday to obtain information on modern forestry practices and review the development of the once denuded and burned-out area east of Rib Lake. ¶ The all day program inaugurated by the forestry and lands committee of Taylor County incorporated the assistance of foresters Paul Guttwald, Medford; Gerald Spoerl, and Robert Decker, Park Falls; and Milton Reinke, Spooner. ¶ Several separate stops were made along the fire lane to point out the forestry program. The supervisors saw the results of the timber land improvement, which is a practice of releasing stands of planted pine for rapid growth. Timber stand improvement in hardwood was also shown. In this practice the slow growing and wolf hardwood trees are harvested or downed to provide development of healthy trees. ¶ The supervisors viewed the survey work completed two years ago to provide ease in finding boundary lines. A marked timber sale was explained, along with visiting the site of a completed timber sale.	The fire lane has evolved into a gravel road running from the north to the south in the county forest in Town 33 North, 3 East; the fire lane is approximately 1/2 mile west of the Lincoln County line. The fire lane was constructed in the 1930's using public works administration funding from the federal government; the program hired local individuals, such as Lawrence Schneider. ¶ The mid-1930's were exceptionally dry and fire was a real danger. During that time a major forest fire burned	
8/14/1958 (cont)	Forest, County (cont)	¶ Portions of the 513,800 trees planted were viewed with a complete explanation of the present disease and insect problems, namely, white pine blister rust disease and the saw fly and tip weevil insects. ¶ The county forest crop land program had its inception in 1931, when a special resolution by the county board entered 4,400 acres. Millard Kapitz, Rib Lake, chairman of the board, provided background information on the initial stages of bringing about entry of these lands for a sum of less than \$50. ¶ The present size of the county-owned plat is 16,196.38 acres. Additional lands were purchased and transferred to the forest crop lands. All of the lands are located in Rib Lake and Westboro [township]. The greater portion of these lands were tax delinquent, excepting 84 forties, which were deeded to Taylor County by the RLLC in 1937. ¶ Statistics show that a total of \$26,321.72 has been received as state aid and total timber sale revenue, and timber sales was \$16,313.06. Revenue tax paid to the state amounted to \$8,072.10.	thousands of acres of cutover land in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County.	
8/14/1958 (cont)	Forest, County (cont)	¶ The county forest is under jurisdiction of the county forestry and lands commission. It includes Fred Vlach, Rib Lake Chairman; Ernest Kohn, Jr., Westboro; Carl Eckert, Goodrich; Joe Sweda, Roosevelt; Fred Dorava, Grover; Joe Fleischmann, treasurer, ex officio; Harold Ruesch, clerk, ex officio, and Joe Tuss, ex officio and administrator."		

8/14/1958	Spirit Lake & Businesses	MILLERS PLAN OPEN HOUSE "The Virgil Millers will hold open house at their "Open Door" on Spirit Lake to mark their 25th wedding anniversary next Saturday. ¶ The Millers were married on August. 16, 1933, in Rockford, Illinois. They operated a tavern at Chilton, Wisconsin, and after selling it came to Rib Lake and bought the former Ole Peterson resort on Spirit, a year ago..."		
8/21/1958	Obituary & Spirit & Rusch	ROY LARSEN, SPIRIT FARMER, WWI VET BURIED ON SATURDAY "Funeral services were held August 16, at 2:00 p.m. from Zion Lutheran Church for Roy Vernon Larsen, 61, Town of Spirit farmer, who died at Sacred Heart Hospital, Tomahawk, August 12, following an illness of 1-1/2 years with cancer. ¶ The Rev. Henry Gieschen officiated, and burial was in the Hillcrest Cemetery, Spirit. Pallbearers were Alvin Stetzel, Fred, Henry and Robert Zielke, Max Scheller, and Harvey Rhody. ¶ Born at Valders, April 4, 1897, Mr. Larsen came to this area with his parents when two years old. He was married to Hattie Stumpf at Phillips Dec. 1, 1941. ¶ He was a veteran of WWI and a member of the Spirit American Legion Post. ¶ Survivors are his wife, two daughters, Darlene and Cathy, a sister, Myrtle, and a brother, Clifford, of Spirit. ¶ He was preceded in death by his parents, a son and daughters, two sisters and three brothers."	Hattie Stumpf, n/k/a/ Hattie Knop, in 2008, lives at 825 Kennedy St.	
8/21/1958	Obituary & Greenwood	FRANK SCHABEL DIES "Funeral services for Frank Schabel, 75, Town of Greenwood farmer, were held from St. Ann's Catholic Church, Greenwood, last Saturday. Mr. Schabel, who had been making his home at Elmhurst, Illinois, for the past two years, where his two sons, George and Harry, reside, died Tuesday evening after a 3-week illness. ¶ The Rev. Robert Stock officiated, and burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were William Tilch, George Gojmerac, Edward Bohte, Ransom Hass, Frank Monheim and Lawrence Schreiner. ¶ Born in Austria, March 17, 1883, he came to this country as a child, his parents settling on a farm in the Greenwood area in the 1890's. When a young man, he lived and worked near Sheboygan where he married Christina Rohre Sept. 27, 1910, the couple later returning to live on the farm here. ¶ Survivors, besides his sons, are a daughter, Mrs. Nick Blennert, Merrill; two brothers, Martin, Rib Lake; and Isadore, Illinois; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. ¶ He was preceded in death by his wife, in 1950, and a daughter, Clara."		
8/21/1958	Rib Lake - Village	PROPERTY VALUE AGAIN EXCEEDS MILLION DOLLARS "Valuation of all property in the Village of Rib Lake has gone over the million dollar mark for the first time in 10 years, the 1958 statement of assessments, compiled by Mrs. Elsa Juse, clerk-treasurer, reveals. This year's assessment role basis for the taxes to be paid next year, is \$1,016,288, a gain of about \$18,000 over the 998,122 assessment of a year ago. ¶ The last year in which the total valuation of all property was assessed at more than a million dollars was in 1948, when the lumber mill was on its way out. It dropped to a low of \$924,383 the following year. ¶ The personal property assessment totalling \$214,838 is composed of the following: 27 cattle (on the 750.85 agricultural acres in the village limits), \$2,700 merchant stock, \$96,295 manufacturer's stock, \$21,700 logs, timber and lumber, \$45 boats, \$1,615 machinery, tools and patterns, \$26,692 fixtures, furniture and equipment, \$20,142 mink (8,100 animals and 1,184 pens), \$9,284 and all other personal property not exempt, \$36,365."	Nota bene: there were 27 cattle and 8,100 mink inside the village limits.	
8/28/1958	Obituary	PETE FYALKOWSKI, VETERAN OF TWO WARS, IS BURIED MONDAY "Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at St. John the Baptist Church for peer Fyalkowski, member of a pioneer Rib Lake family, who sustained a heart attack at his home late Friday night. ¶ Pallbearers were Herman Batzer, Ed Prien, Edward Kapitz, Wesley Stiel, Peter Bogumill, and Herman Monske. Military rites were conducted by the Catholic War Veterans and the American Legion. ¶ Born April 20, 1900, at Rib Lake, the son of Joseph and Anna Mach Fyalkowski, he attended local schools, joining the Navy at the age of 16 to serve in WWI. Four years later he shifted to the US Coast Guard, from which he retired in 1947 with the rank of warrant officer. He served in WWI and WWII and was in the service 26 years, holding the rank of Chief Petty Officer much of the time.		
8/28/1958 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ He was married to Eleanor Wing, Sept. 15, 1939, at Napoleon, Ohio, and they and their daughter, Patricia Ann, moved to Rib Lake upon his retirement. He was a member of St. John's Church, the American Legion, the Catholic War Veterans and a former president of the Fish & Game Assoc. ¶ Survivors are his wife and daughters. His parents and three brothers and three sisters, who died in infancy, preceded him in death."		

8/28/1958	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	JOHNNIE'S TAVERN IS SOLD TO SCHABELS "Ownership of Johnnie's Tap in the New Lake Theatre building was transferred from Mr. and Mrs. John Dolezalek to Mrs. Julia Schabel Tuesday night, after the village board approved the latter's application for a license. ¶ It will be operated by Mrs. Schabel with the assistance of her son, Jimmy, who has been working in Illinois for the past several years. ¶ The board informed young Schabel, a single man, that it could not grant him either the tavern license proper, or a bartender's license, because there is some question as to his legal residence, and the state law requires that a licensee must be a resident of Wisconsin for a year before such a license may be granted. ¶ However, as a member of the immediate family of the licensee, it is understood that young Schabel may work in the establishment until he becomes eligible for a license personally. Mr. and Mrs. Dolezalek left Wednesday by bus for Madison, where John will undergo another checkup, following an operation which he underwent there several months ago."	The tavern owner was John Dolezalek, Sr. He is not to be confused with his son, John, Jr., who, in 2008, remains a proud resident of the village, living with his wife, Rachel, at 534 Lake Street. John, Sr., went on to a long and successful career as a local electrician.	
8/28/1958	Utilities	TELEPHONES "GO DIAL" TODAY! "Subscribers of the Rib Lake Telephone Company's service have received their new phone directories in preparation for the switching over to dial service, set for 12:00 noon today, Thursday, August 28. ¶ The directories carry a complete listing of the new telephone numbers, which will be used under the dial system. ¶ They reveal for the first time that the local exchange has been designated as Garfield or GA exchange, and that all of the numbers which will be used are composed of 4 figures with a number 7 prefix. ¶ Although all of the numbers carry the Garfield prefix, such as "GA 7-3485," (which, incidentally, happens to be the new number of the Rib Lake Herald), the prefix, GA, needs to be mentioned only when making long distance calls. For local calls, the subscriber will dial 5 figures, 4 preceded by the "7," which is the prefix of the first part of every number. ¶ Emergency and service numbers listed include 7-3895, the village fire barn, for local fire calls, and 7-3413, which is the Westboro locker plant, owned by Chief Norman Rhyner, for Westboro fire calls..."	Up to this date, all telephone calls required an operator. Even though you knew the telephone number of the person you wanted to call, you told the operator the number or name of the person you wanted. The operator then placed the call. ¶ Long distance telephone calls went to direct dialing c. 1980.	
9/4/1958	People	TAYLOR-SARACOFF "In a candlelight ceremony, last Sunday afternoon at 4:00, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Miss Barbara Leigh Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Taylor, was united in marriage to Norman Lee Saracoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elia Saracoff of Michigan City, Indiana...The bride and groom will resume their studies this fall, at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, where he is majoring in law and she in elementary education..."		
9/4/1958	People & Rusch	FIVE GENERATION PICTURE "Five generations posed happily together for this family picture snapped recently. They are, from left to right, Great-grandfather William Poirier, Holton, Michigan; Grandfather Eugene Poirier, Medford; Grandmother Jeanette Poirier Strobach (Mrs. Bernard Strobach), Rib Lake; Mother Bernadette Strobach Sunderlin (Mrs. Robert Sunderlin), and last, but far from least, great-great-grandson, William Sunderlin."		
10/9/1958	Obituary & Westboro	MRS. RINDT, FROM PIONEER WESTBORO FAMILY, STRICKEN "Funeral services will be held this Wednesday at 2:00 from Trinity Lutheran Church, Chelsea, for Mrs. Richard Rindt, Sr., 68, pioneer Westboro resident who died Tuesday at the Marshfield Hospital following an illness of two weeks....The former Clara Westberg was born to Andrew and Ingrid Akerson, Westboro, May 21, 1890, in Westboro. She attended local schools, later becoming a school teacher herself, teaching several years before her marriage to Richard Rindt on Sept. 4, 1908. The couple took over the Rindt family homestead, west of Westboro, following their marriage. They lived there until a few months ago, when they moved into Westboro proper, their son James and family now occupying the home farm. ¶ Survivors are her husband, six sons, Chester, Medford; Leland, Albert, Melvin, Richard, Jr., and James., all of Westboro; two sisters, Helen and Mrs. Emily Behling of Westboro; two brothers, William, of Westboro; and Albert of St. Paul, Minnesota; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. ¶ The Rev. Melvin Hering will officiate, with burial in the Chelsea cemetery. Pallbearers will be her six sons."		
10/9/1958	Fire & Rib Lake - Village	PHONE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM NOW USED BY VILLAGE DEPARTMENT "Rib Lake's new automatic fire alarm system is now in operation, according to Fire Chief Ed Martin, who made the announcement in connection with the local observance of fire prevention week. ¶ Eight separate phones in the village are connected with the line designated for fire calls in the village - 7-3895 - Martin said, making it certain that someone will be available to answer an alarm at any time. ¶ Most of the phones are located fairly near the village hall where the siren is sounded, and for the time being, the individual who first answers the alarm will have the responsibility of sounding the siren. Later there will be a hookup so that the individual who receives the call first can sound the siren automatically."	These were land telephone lines. "Cordless" phones did not come to Rib Lake until c. 1995.	

10/16/1958	Spirit Lake	BIG SPIRIT LAKE DRAGGED FOR MISSING FISHERMAN "A crew of law enforcement officers and volunteers, headed by Sheriff Marlin Curran, late Wednesday, completed two full days of dragging on the south end of Big Spirit Lake in search of the body of a Marshfield man, believed to have drowned there Monday afternoon. ¶ The missing man is Fred Baade, 44, who lives at 5500 E. 4th Street in Marshfield, and is employed as a watchman at the Roddis Plywood Plant there. ¶ He left home late Monday morning to go fishing and was reported to have fished for a while in Hultman Lake, before going to Big Spirit, where he rented a boat from Mrs. Edna Clarey, who has been caring for the Lakeview Resort in the absence of the Martin Vanuchias, who are on vacation. ¶ About an hour after Baade left in the boat, Mrs. Clarey noticed the boat drifting on the lake with no sign of the fisherman. She signaled to other fishermen to investigate and they found the boat empty. Two fish lines, the hooks still baited, were extending from the boat..."		
10/16/1958	Hintz Town & Obituary	HENRY STELLING, A FORMER RESIDENT, DIES IN MINNESOTA "Funeral services were held Wednesday at Millerville, Minnesota for Henry Stelling, 81, member of a pioneer Rib Lake family, who had made his home in Minnesota for the past 38 years. ¶ ...Born in Cudahy, Mr. Stelling moved to this area with his parents in 1895. He was married to Olga Klein, the couple owning the present Stanley Hebda farm site. He operated his own sawmill, served as a millwright for F.J. Hintz, and operated a shingle mill at "Hintz Town," east of Rib Lake. ¶ In the early 1920's, Henry Stelling moved to Millerville, Minnesota, establishing a farm in that area, presently run by his son, Gilbert, and family..."	The "shingle mill" made shingles from local white cedar. In 1900, the vast majority of local buildings used cedar shingles.	
10/23/1958	Obituary & Railroad - Wis. Central	ORRIN REISTAD, 65, FORMER SOO LINE AGENT HERE, DIES "Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church in Wisconsin Rapids Monday afternoon for Orrin Reistad, 65, Soo Line Depot Agent here for 27 years, who died last Friday at Riverview Hospital..Mr. Reistad was born at Eau Claire May 17, 1893, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Reistad. He married the former Ruth C. Knudson of Eau Claire June 28, 1919. ¶ He was employed by the Soo Line since 1913, first as a depot agent at Chippewa Falls until 1919, and then as cashier and telegraph operator at Wisconsin Rapids until 1924. He came to Rib Lake as agent and operator in 1924 and remained until the depot was closed, when the branch line was removed, in 1951. He then returned to Wisconsin Rapids as cashier and operator..."		
10/23/1958	Spirit Lake & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	CONSERVATION CLUB ORDERED TO DROP SPIRIT LAKE WATER LEVEL "Members of the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association are considering alterations to the Spirit Lake dam, to comply with the recent Wisconsin Public Service Commission order that the lake level be lowered. ¶ The dam was authorized by the Commission in 1948, and elevation of 93.1 feet was permitted. In a letter to Ken Mannel, President of the Association, Warren Oakey, the commission's chief engineer, pointed out that when the dam was inspected in 1951, it had a 41-foot-long spillway section and the level at the time was 93.15 feet, or close to the 93.1 prescribed. "Now the crest of the spillway has been raised so that on August 18, 1958, and at a time of low flow in the river, the water level was at the elevation of 93.77 feet, or some 9 inches above the authorized level," Oakey wrote. ¶ The dam in the meantime had been altered by the addition of wings and higher sections at the sides, which concentrated the flow of water through the center of the obstruction, thus providing a water ladder through which fish could come back into the lake.	There was a long and multi-faceted battle over the proper water level behind this dam.	
10/23/1958 (cont)	Spirit Lake & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. (cont)	¶ "If the Association desires to concentrate the flow over the spillway, it probably could be accomplished by removal of the concrete at the center section to a depth 6 inches below the original concrete crest," Oakey said. ¶ "It is not necessary that the water levels in Spirit Lake be held at the authorized level, and unless the Association has the structure altered as suggested, it will be necessary to remove the entire addition to the crest." ¶ The additions to the size of the crest of the original dam were made by the Association several years ago, after there had been reports of considerable spearing of fish unable to get back into the lake, in pools below the dam. Concentrating the flow of water through the center also prevented washouts at the ends, which had been frequent when the water went over the entire length of the dam."		
11/6/1958	Obituary	BENJAMIN BOKATH BURIED YESTERDAY "Funeral services for Benjamin J. Bokath, 71, who died last Saturday in Rockford, Illinois, were held Wednesday afternoon at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. ¶ The Rev. Henry Gieschen officiated, and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ernest and Conrad Hein, Herman Batzer, William Radtke, Ed Christiansen and Ernest Tetzlaff. ¶ Born March 11, 1886, at Green Bay, he moved with his family to Glenwood City, then later to Merrill when in his teens; as a young man he worked as a lathe operator at the Rib Lake lumber mill and was married to Pauline Hein here. He later farmed east of the village for some 20 years. Returning to Illinois, he was employed by the Rockford Lock Company until his retirement three years ago..."		

11/6/1958	Obituary	FRANK HAAS "Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Methodist Church for Frank Haas, 73, who died at the Tomahawk Hospital on Sunday. ¶ The Rev. Gordon K. Welch officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Fred Meilke, Marlin Walbeck, Al Heintz, Charles Clendenning, Harold Zielke and Richard Upjohn. ¶ Born Oct. 14, 1885, at Elmhurst, he came to this community 57 years ago, engaging in a variety of labors. He remained unmarried. ¶ Survivors are his brother, John, and five nieces. Two brothers and a sister preceded him in death."	About 1910, Frank worked at RLLC Camp 6 within what is now the Rusch Preserve, on CTH C just south of Rustic Road #1. I have an envelope addressed to "Frank Haas, Camp 6, Rib Lake." The post office delivered it! ¶ The site of Camp 6 can be easily reached by ski, snowshoe or foot by walking on the public trail; it's just 500-feet from the CTH C trailhead and parking lot.
11/6/1958	Hunting	MAIN STREET ROBIN HOOD "Bud Freeck, the old archer, paraphrased the poem like this, after he clipped off the 69-pound (dressed weight) yearling doe in the Town of Spirit last Tuesday afternoon. "I shot an arrow into the air - it fell to earth and I know not where - into the neck of this yearling deer - and if this doesn't rhyme, I don't keer!" ¶ Chrystal assisted in the venture, following the blood stains into the deep woods, as Bud is color-blind, except for green."	
11/13/1958	Businesses	TAVERN WILL RE-OPEN "Reopening of Tauber Tavern, at the north of Main Street [McComb Ave], is scheduled for this weekend by the new owners and operators, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gehrt of West Allis. ¶ Purchased within the month from the Tauber estate, this site operated by the late Frank Tauber for 20 years, formerly by Phillip Goelz, promises to come to life again. ¶ The Gehrts plan a "grand opening" in the near future. Like Tauber, they have a brown dog (named Brownie), whose prowess at eating cracker jacks from the box remains to be seen. ¶ The Village Board approved the Gehrt's application for a liquor license. Marvin Tauber had held the license for the establishment since the death of his father."	For many years, Mr. and Mrs. Gehrt operated the "Last Chance" tavern at 832 McComb Ave. They were known to all as "Virg" and "Gordie."
11/27/1958	Hunting	DEER SEASON HERE HAS ENDED... WOUNDED HUNTERS IN AREA ARE REPORTED RECOVERING "Romane Pipkorn, who was wounded early in the hunting season by a hunter who mistook him for a deer, was released from the Medford Hospital on Friday of last week and is recuperating at his home in Westboro. ¶ A warrant charging Donald Gutzman of Brookfield, the hunter who fired the shot, with the careless use of firearms, was issued this week by District Attorney Raymond A. Scott, and Gutzman is expected to be arraigned at Medford soon. ¶ Martin Steen of Whittlesey, also wounded on the first Sunday of the season by a stray bullet in the Town of Goodrich, is reported considerably improved in the Marshfield Hospital. ¶ Marvin Thielig, who was shot in Rusk County near Hawkins, also is greatly improved and was expected to be released from the Ladysmith Hospital..."	
12/18/1958	Obituary	WILLIAM WILHELMS "Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church for William Wilhelms, 72, a farmer in the community for nearly 50 years, who died at his home southeast of Rib Lake Saturday evening. ¶ Mr. Wilhelms had been in ill health for several years, but had been seriously ill only a few days prior to his death. ¶ The Rev. Henry C. Gieschen officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Albert, George and Frank Schreiner, Ernest Tetzlaff, Andrew Bucki and Fred Peche. ¶ He was born in Germany in November, 1886, and came to this country when he was a young man, settling in the Town of Greenwood in 1911. He was married to Miss Marie Herringlee in Rib Lake on August 19, 1914. ¶ Surviving are the widow, two sons, Walter, Rib Lake; and Louis, Chicago; a daughter, Gertrude, Mrs. Frank Bucki, Chicago; a brother, Otto, Effingham, Illinois; a sister in Germany and 11 grandchildren."	Marie Herringlee's father, George, bought land in the Town of Greenwood for this farm, from land speculator Hugo M. Lea of New York. To view the sale document, #12467, see the CDs of Rib Lake History: Documents & Photos. Mrs. Isabelle Wilhelms graciously loaned the records and farm photos to me.
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1/1/1959	Rib Lake - Township	TAXES GO DOWN - NO SPOOFING - IN TOWN OF RIB LAKE "An increase in the assessed valuation of the Town of Rib Lake, and a decrease in funds needed for local purposes as a result of in - believe it or not - lower taxes in each of the four school districts in the townships, Laverne Zuege, Town Clerk, reports. ¶ In joint District #1 of Rib Lake, the 1958 tax rate, in taxes payable in 1959, dropped \$1.16 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, or from \$53.61 to \$52.45 per \$1,000..."	In 1959, the then-operating Fawn Valley and Rib River Schools had their own school districts. They were in addition to Joint District #1, which ran the Ward elementary school and high school in the village.

1/1/1959	Post Office	FIRE DESTROYS MAIL AT LOCAL POST OFFICE "Seven pouches of outgoing parcel post were destroyed by fire, which apparently smoldered in the post office Tuesday evening for more than an hour before bursting into flames at about 6:00 p.m. ¶ One pouch of first class mail also was badly damaged, but at least a portion of it was expected to be salvaged, after it dries out, so that it can be sorted, according to Postmaster Verl Bokath. ¶ ...cause of the fire couldn't be determined immediately, either by the local postmaster, the clerk, Charles Clendenning, or a US postal inspector, who arrived on the scene within 2 hours after the fire was discovered. The latter ordered the local staff to allow the water soaked mail to remain on the floor until it dries thoroughly, which may require several days. ¶ An estimate on the damage to the building, owned by Frank L. Becker, was not available Wednesday, pending arrival of the insurance adjuster, but it will be considerable. The fire was directly under an electrical switch box, which was destroyed by the flames, which also ate into the rear walls of the building. There was smoke damage throughout the building....	In 2008, the Becker building, known to all as the Bird's Nest Tavern, still stands at 729 McComb Ave. The street address of the Bird's Nest is 729 McComb. It occupies Lot 9 and the south 1/2 of Lot 10, Block D, McComb's Racing Park Addition. Frank L. Becker bought the building in 1948 from John Liesenberg, who operated a meat market there. In 1952 Becker leased the north 1/2 of the building - first floor - to the US Post Office.	
1/1/1959 (cont)	Post Office (cont)	The fire was discovered by Becker, who operates the tavern adjacent to the post office in the same building. He and several patrons smelled smoke in the tavern, and he went to the rear of the tavern, where he saw smoke seeping out of the post office room through the wall into a small storeroom which he uses. ¶ Becker summoned the fire department. At about the same time that he was investigating the smell of smoke, members of the Marvin Tauber family, who live in the second floor apartment above the tavern and post office, also noticed an odor of smoke and called the tavern..."		
1/1/1959	Obituary & Greenwood	JOE FROMBACH, SR., DIES IN CALIFORNIA "Funeral services were held in San Francisco Tuesday for Joseph Frombach, Sr., 71, former Town of Rib Lake farmer, who died Wednesday of last week at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Outland. ¶ He had come to Rib Lake in about 1920 and operated a farm on County Trunk C east of the village until 1949, when the family moved to California to make their home with a daughter. ¶ He was born in Romania in 1883 and came to the United States in 1905, settling in Chicago, where he was married to Miss Emma Mattern on June 29, 1907. ¶ He and Mrs. Frombach had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in June 1957, and they had visited here several times since moving to California, the latest visit being to attend the wedding of their granddaughter, Nancy Frombach, to Jerry Siroin on August 30. ¶ Surviving are the wife, three sons; Joe, Jr., Rib Lake; William, San Francisco; and Matthew, Kenosha; a daughter, Anne, Mrs. Outland; seven grandchildren, two sisters; Mrs. Eva Mihm and Mrs. Paul Cinnick, both of Pittsburgh; and three brothers, Nick and Jack, Pittsburgh; and John, living in Germany."		
1/8/1959	Spirit Lake & Roads	NEW HYWAY 102 BRIDGE OVER SPIRIT RIVER IS OPENED FOR TRAFFIC "Normal traffic on Highway 102 north and east of the village was resumed at noon yesterday, when the new concrete bridge over the Spirit River outlet at the north end of Spirit Lake was opened up. ¶ It had been under construction for several months; an enclosure had protected the concrete and allowed it to cure, under heat, for a period of several weeks. ¶ Vehicular traffic in most instances had taken to the lake during the period that the bridge was closed and since the ice became thick enough. It included milk and pulp trucks and private cars, operated by individuals who live in Spirit and other adjacent areas, and who work in the village. ¶ These vehicles, southbound, went on the lake near the Sunny Hill Resort and kept well out from the shore for most of the distance and came out on the highway near the Fritz Mielke tavern. ¶ The new bridge is much wider than the old structure, but is at the same location, necessitating a fairly sharp left turn for northbound traffic between the Maple Knoll and Sunny Hill.	The new bridge replaced a beautiful stone arch bridge; to view a picture of the stone arch bridge, consult the CDs of Rib Lake History Documents & Photos, available at the Rib Lake Public Library. ¶ In 2008, of the three businesses mentioned in the article, only one remains. The Maple Knoll resort is Mohr's tavern on the east side of STH 102 just north of the Taylor County line. Sunny Hill resort and store was located approximately 400 feet directly west of Mohr's tavern. Fritz Mielke's tavern, known as the Spirit Lake	
1/8/1959 (cont)	Spirit Lake & Roads (cont)	¶ Resort owners in the area were happy about the opening of the bridge, most of them having considered themselves as "dead-end kids" during the period of limited vehicular movement."	Resort [formerly "hotel"], stood where, in 2008, the public boat landing to Little Spirit Lake stands.	
1/8/1959	Railroad - Wis. Central & Westboro	DEPOT SERVICE CHANGED "Martin Dvorak, agent for the Soo Line Depot at Westboro, calls attention to the fact that as of Monday this week, his hours on duty there will be from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., five days a week. No weekend or holiday service is in his schedule. ¶ Discontinuance of the passenger and mail trains on this branch of the Soo Line brings about the new ruling. ¶ Several car load freight cars and several trucks hauling the express or "railroad frieght" are still in operation during the week, contacting the depot at Westboro daily, Dvorak said."	The vastly-diminished railroad freight business at Westboro hardly merited a full-time depot agent. His duties included delivery of mail to the local post office. ¶ The Westboro depot stood just southeast of Charles Little's tavern, "The Little House," N8820 Business Highway 13.	
1/8/1959	Railroad - Wis. Central & Westboro	SOO LINE RAILROAD DISCONTINUING PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE ON ASHLAND-SPENCER LINE "The Soo Line Railroad on January 5-6, 1959, will discontinue all passenger train service between Ashland and Spencer, Wisconsin. Trains abandoned are #117 northbound and #118 southbound. ¶ Train #118 will make its last run from Ashland at 7:15 p.m. Monday, January 5. Train #117 will make its last run from Spencer at 3:10 a.m. Tuesday, January 6. ¶ The US Post Office Department will provide mail service either by highway motor carriers or via other railroad lines at all communities no longer served by Soo Line passenger trains."	This is the announcement made by the Soo Line Railroad. Passenger traffic had fallen off so dramatically, that the railroad commissioned the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for, and obtained, permission to abandon passenger service through Westboro. Passenger service in Taylor County had been commenced by the predecessor of the Soo Line - the Wisconsin Central Railroad - when it built between Stetsonville and Westboro in 1873. The line in Westboro was abandoned in 1989.	

1/15/1959	Obituary	MRS. CLARA HEADSTREAM "Funeral services for Mrs. Herbert C. Headstream, 94, who died at Sacred Heart Hospital, Tomahawk, were held last Saturday at the Taylor Funeral Home. ¶ The Rev. Gordon K. Welsh officiated, and pallbearers were George Seidel, Albert Goodman, Ernest Sunderlin, William Niggemann, Curtis Patrick and George Hoffman. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ The former Clara Cranmer was born to the Perrin Cranmers at Germantown, Pennsylvania, Oct. 1, 1864. The family were pioneer residents of Marshfield, and she was married in that city to Herbert Headstream in 1885. The couple moved to Rib Lake in 1900, settling on a farm southwest of the Village on Highway 102. Mr. Headstream maintained a jeweler and watch repair shop in the village until his sudden death in June, 1939. ¶ Survivors are four children, Enola, Mrs. Dio Walty, Town of Westboro; Perry, Rib Lake, who has maintained the family farm; Harry, Northridge, California; Kenneth, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and a grandson, Rolland Walty, Town of Westboro."		
1/22/1959	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	GOLDEN AGE NURSING HOME TO OPEN NEXT WEDNESDAY "An old Rib Lake building, which housed hundreds of the lumberjacks, as well as the traveling public, for over a period of more than 40 years, will be opened next Wednesday as a home and haven for the elderly and ill. ¶ A large crew of workmen has been for weeks completing the transformation of the old Central Hotel building into the new and beautiful "Golden Age Nursing Home." ¶ It is located on Railroad Street, only a block away from the lake, and overlooks the old lumber yard - now the site of the new clinic building and the new Clearview grade school. ¶ The open house conducted tours through the new establishment will start at 2:00 p.m. and continue to 5:30 p. m., according to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ford of Rhinelander, the owners. ¶ ... The home is outstanding, in that there are 15 private rooms, containing only one bed, while there will be 4 or 5 in some of the larger rooms. Twelve of the beds are hospital type beds and will be used by the chronically ill, while the remainder of them are new and attractively decorated in colors. Each bed will have an attractive quilt bearing the name of the establishment.	In 2008 the building is still standing in the southwest corner of Railroad and Third Street; it is now an apartment house, owned by Kevin Schmitt, 801 Railroad Ave. The nursing home has moved 1/2 block north on Pearl Street. "The Rib Lake Health Care Center" is the current name of the nursing facility at 650 Pearl St.	
1/22/1959 (cont)	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	¶ The walls in the interior are being finished in soft, colorful pastels and heat is supplied through floor board installation of steam fixtures, the heat coming from a boiler type system in the basement. It is also planned to paint the exterior stucco and trim of the building as soon as the outside painting is possible. All of the patient rooms have outside windows...¶ The Fords operate two similar institutions. One is the county-owned home near Rhinelander, which they lease, and the other is a nursing home at Birnamwood. Mrs. Ford is well known in nursing home circles, having served on the Board of Governors of the National Geriatric Association and as president of the Wisconsin Association of Nursing Homes. ¶ The building was operated as a hotel for more than 40 years by Henry Mathias, who, upon his retirement, moved to a house next door to the former place of business. It was well known to and patronized extensively by lumber company employees and traveling salesman, and was the permanent home for a number of unmarried men before it was closed by the Mathiases more than a year ago."		
2/5/1959	Businesses	VILLAGE ACQUIRES 12 NEW CITIZENS AS GOLDEN AGE HOME STARTS FUNCTIONS "Rib Lake's population rose by 12 within the past week, leaving a certain potential of two dozen more, as the new, Golden Age Nursing Home began to "settle in" its residents. This colorful and beautifully appointed establishment opened with official flourish Wednesday, January 28, quickly succeeded in making its first guests happy, "snug as a bug in a rug," and well over 1,000 curious visitors almost envious. Any Taylor County and/or Badger state residents who haven't the yen to sit down, take off their shoes, and bask in a Florida vacation atmosphere, about now, must already be in Florida (and not this season's Florida at that!). ¶ Charters members of the Golden Age Home (the Rib Lake Hilton) are John Bertagnoli and Carl (Mose) Ziemke of Rib Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ivaska and Charles Berg of Westboro; Mary Meyer, Whittlesey; Joseph Skabroud, Wencil Scheuer, Charlie Schwartz and Anna Annem, all of Medford; William Stumpf, Gilman; and Louis A. Erickson, from Milwaukee."		
2/5/1959	Businesses	FRED'S GARAGE "Now ready to give you efficient and complete - automobile service - motor rebuilding - body repairs - farm machinery. Fred Rademacher [doing business as] Fred's Garage - formerly North Side Garage."	This building occupied Block C, Lot 10 of McComb's Racing Park Addition. In 2008, Gerstberger Florist at 835 McComb Ave. occupies the site.	
2/12/1959	Schools & Rusch	"Auntie Gosbee (Mrs. John Gosbee, Town of Chelsea) six years a teacher at our Fawn Valley School, had what might be called a lifetime dream come true, last week, when she received a degree in bachelor of education from Stevens Point State College. ¶ This "4 year degree" accompanied by its unlimited teacher's certificate in elementary schools, was won by this persevering lady in a battle spreading over 13 years of effort. Mrs. Gosbee's career as a teacher spreads over 19, though not consecutive, years. ¶ The battle of the diploma was very definitely consecutive - summer extension work, and Saturday school at Point College. The mileage in driving exertion is exhausting to think about, alone. But then, to one enthusiastic enough about teaching to arise at 4:00 a.m., engage in farm chores, hop in her car and breeze over 15 miles to be never tardy for the Fawn Valley School day, this activity was probably just a slight detour.	Ann Gosbee, nee Steiner, lived with her husband, John, on a dairy farm west of Whittlesey. This made her drive to college at Stevens Point over 100 miles - one way.	

2/12/1959 (cont)	Schools & Rusch (cont)	¶ The teaching bug seems to have buzzed and bitten, mosquito-wise, throughout the Gosbee family. Two daughters, Mrs. Marie Jochimsen, Dorchester, and Mrs. Ann Mayer, Chelsea, taught, and a son, John, Jr., is currently at work on his master's degree in science at the University of Wisconsin. ¶ Fortunately, daughter Margaret, (now Mrs. Jochimsen of Little Black) escaped the bug and ably kept the home fires burning, along with Pa Gosbee. This pair could tell you there is plenty to be learned "down on the farm," although diplomas for farming have yet to be awarded. ¶ But, their share, and their pride in "Mom's" accomplishment is hardly for framing."		
3/26/1959	Fire	TOWN VOTERS WILL HEAR OF PROPOSED NEW FIRE PROGRAM "A proposal in the Towns of Greenwood and Rib Lake to join the Village of Rib Lake in the purchase of a new fire truck will be considered by the voters at the two annual town meetings to be held in connection with the election of April 7. ¶ Fire Chief Ed Martin, who has been designated by the Village Board, negotiated with the towns in the matter, will be accompanied to the meetings by Millard Kapitiz, Rib Lake's Supervisor, and also County Board Chairman. ¶ The Town of Rib Lake currently has an agreement with the village whereby fire calls are made by the Rib Lake Volunteer Fire Department, but the Town of Greenwood has no form of protection, and thus, property owners there must call on either the Rib Lake or Medford Fire Departments, depending upon the location and the telephone facilities available. ¶ Rib Lake's older fire truck is now considered inadequate, even to protect the village, when the newer truck is on a rural call, Chief Martin said. The old truck was bought in 1926 and for about 10 years "doubled" as a snowplow vehicle. Extra parts are no longer made for it..."		
3/26/1959	Law & Rib Lake - Village	GEORGE THUMS IS APPOINTED NEW VILLAGE CHIEF OF POLICE "George Thums, 42, a WWII veteran and life-long resident of the community, was appointed Chief of Police by the Village Board at its regular meeting Tuesday night. ¶ Thums, who has been a member of the village maintenance crew for several years, will take over his police duties on April 1, succeeding Chief Herb Curran, veteran law enforcement officer, who will serve as assistance and relief officer and assist his successor in becoming accustomed to his new duties. ¶ Appointment of one full-time officer became necessary with the recent resignation of Officer George Hoffman, who is moving to California, and Curran's desire to get away from full-time duty because of his health. ¶ The new chief will receive a salary of \$270 a month, the salary he now receives, plus a car allowance of \$40 a month, and allowance for gasoline needed. He and Mrs. Thums and their three children live in their own home on Fayette Ave., across from the high school..."	George held that position for over three decades. In 2008, his widow, Marge, still resides in the old family home, 766 Fayette Ave.	
3/26/1959	Spirit Lake & Businesses	LAKEVIEW RESORT [Advertisement] "Enjoy your Easter dinner in our newly decorated dining room overlooking Big Spirit Lake. Easter special, Sunday, Mar. 29, baked ham and potato salad, \$1 per plate. Serving from noon on. Lakeview Resort, Martin and Inez Vaucha, telephone 7-3072."	Lakeview Resort was on a high bluff on the east side of Big Spirit Lake. Its long-time owners were Neal and Isabel Olkives, who sold the facility about 1995. In 2008, the building serves as the home for Glen and Darlene Mathias, N9465 Spirit Lake Rd.	
4/2/1959	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village & Gustafson & Companies	ELMER J. TAYLOR SELLS LUMBER BUSINESS TO STETSONVILLE MEN "A major change in Rib Lake business management was effected on Wednesday of this week when F.L. Stewart, Sr., and F.L. Stewart, Jr., Stetsonville, assumed ownership of the Taylor Lumber and Fuel Company. The Stetsonville father and son, both experienced lumbermen, bought the business and stock from Elmer Taylor, who had operated the establishment for the past 2-1/2 years. ¶ Taylor will retain ownership of the building, which houses the business, formerly the old lumber mill machine shop, and the new Stewart firm will lease it, with the expectation of purchasing it in the future. ¶ Taylor, who had to curtail his business activities because of an ailment, will continue with Kenneth Mannel in the operation of the Taylor Funeral Home and service. ¶ The elder Mr. Stewart, known as "Roy," has been with the O.&N. Lumber Company at Stetsonville for the past 25 years, and his son, known as "Leroy" has been with the same firm for 10 years. Mr. Stewart, Sr., and Mrs. Stewart have leased one of the Bendla Gustafson apartments and will occupy it as of April 15.	The building is at 670 McComb Ave. and in 2008 is occupied by Fisher Creek Pet Foods. In 2008, the younger Stewart, known to all as Leroy, and sons remain active in the village lumber trade, managing the C&D Lumber Company, 729 Kennedy Street.	
4/2/1959 (cont)	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village & Gustafson & Companies	¶ The younger Stewarts, with their three children, Penny Lee, 6, Richard, 4, and Jimmy, 2, will move to Rib Lake from Stetsonville after Penny Lee completes her first grade there in the spring. The Stewarts plan to retain the present employees, Albert Goodman, yardman, and Mrs. George Buksa, Jr., part-time bookkeeper. ¶ The lumber business, which now is the "Stewart Lumber Company," was established early in the century by Ole Peterson, now of Phillips, who had a sawmill and woodworking plant southwest of the Catholic Church on Highway 102 at the southwest corner of the village on old Highway 102. ¶ The late Victor Gustafson, who previously had operated the sawmill at Interwald, bought the property in 1924 and started to carry a complete retail line of lumber and building materials. He operated it until his death in 1938, when the management was taken over by his son, Harry, and his son-in-law, Carl Marschke.		

4/2/1959 (cont)	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village & Gustafson & Companies	¶ Harry Gustafson moved to Phillips in 1943, to look after the family lumber and woodworking interests there, and Marschke operated the Gustafson Lumber Company until it was bought by Taylor in the fall of 1956. Taylor continued operations at the former site a few months and then moved the business to the new location - the old machine shop building, which was completely remodeled. ¶ The housing setup for the firm is considered unusual in the lumber industry as the building is large enough to accommodate all of the lumber and other materials which might be considered perishable, and a series of platforms, ramps and stairways have made the stock easily accessible and easy to load on trucks, which can be driven into the building."		
4/9/1959	Library	OPEN HOUSE PLANNED AT LIBRARY "In observance of National Library Week, April 12-18, the doors of the Rib Lake Public Library will be open hospitable-wide for an open house on Friday evening, April 17. Members of the 20th Century Club are assisting the library board in serving refreshments that evening, and in acquainting visitors with the building and its functions. ¶ The usual Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon and evening library hours will be observed during the week. Mrs. Lillian Thums, librarian, urging youngsters to come in and visit in the afternoons. ¶ Founded in February, 1900, the present modern building, erected in 1927, far exceeds the most hopeful dreams of those early citizens of the community who moved to establish "a library." For, the first library building was a 12 x 30 foot wooden "shed," with 5 almost peephole windows. Yet it stood in dignity and service on Main Street for years. Its final fate was to be hauled away to a spot in the old lumber yard, where it was used several times as a "pest house," or quarantine shelter, during some severe epidemics in the village. With the completion of the new Highway 102, early in 1952, this dilapidated eyesore was hauled	In 1959 the library stood at the northeast corner of Pearl Street and Landall Avenue. Approximately 1995 the library site was moved to the former Clearview School. The old Landall Street library building was remodeled into two private apartments owned by Todd Frombach. The address of the old library - actually the second in Rib Lake - is 1032 Landall. Rib Lake's first library building, a/k/a the pest house, stood near the present Senior Citizen's Center, 725 Front Street.	
4/9/1959 (cont)	Library (cont)	away, for good, and without a qualm. The present library building can claim the exact opposite of this sorry fate. The building has been maintained diligently within and without, the grounds are beautifully planted and tended, and the book collection grows steadily with the years. ¶ The library board members are Mrs. Keith Zintz, Mrs. Don Taylor, Mrs. Millard Kapitiz, Mrs. Don Meyer and Mrs. Robert C. Becker. ¶ The 20th Century Club has been active in contributing towards the library progress since its founding, 59 years ago."	It had been moved to that site from 749 McComb Ave. - the site of the old Village Hall.	
4/16/1959	Businesses	BOB MELASKI TO OPEN NEW TIRE, CHAIN SAW SHOP ON MAIN STREET "Rib Lake will have another new business place early next month with the opening by Bob Melaski of "Bob's Tire Shop" in the Main Street [McComb Avenue] building just south of the drug store. ¶ The new business will handle a complete line of Good Year tires, a line for which Melaski has received a distributorship for the area, as well as the McCulloch chainsaw line. ¶ The building purchased from Emil Pietsch, is being converted back into a business structure by Al Heinz and Marlin Walbeck. It is just across Main Street from Melaski's Bob's Service Station, which handles Sinclair products. ¶ The building, which formerly housed Don (Thielke) Dry Cleaning Firm, was converted into a residence by Andy Borg, and the Borg family occupied it before selling it to Emil Pietsch. The Pietsch family continued to use it as a residence until Mrs. Pietsch's death some time ago. It has been empty and for sale for more than a year.	This building was probably one of the longest lasting mercantile structures on McComb Ave. It was first constructed by George Braun, Sr., to house his real estate firm at the turn of the century. The building was built on the north half of Lot 3, and the south half of Lot 4, Block D, McComb's Racing Park Addition. The lot was created in 1897 when A.C. McComb platted all of the lots along McComb Avenue.	
4/16/1959 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ Melaski expects to continue to devote most of his time to his service station business, having recently purchased a Jeep towing truck and is the local AAA service man. An assistant probably will handle most of the tire and chainsaw business, he said."	¶ In 2008, the site is occupied by Mann-Made Pizza.	
4/16/1959	Schools	TWO QUALIFIERS FOR FORENSIC FINALS "Two Rib Lake High School students will go to Madison on Saturday of next week to participate in the state Forensics Meet as a result of their "A" ratings last Saturday at the district meet held at Stevens Point. ¶ They are Kathy Carstens, extemporaneous reading, and Jim Patrick, original oratory. They were two of six students qualified from Rib Lake following the recent 3-C forensics conference held here, which sent a total of 33 pupils out of 57 entries for further tries. ¶ Miss Berniece Stellick and Mrs. Barbara Acker, local coaches, accompanied the local delegation to Stevens Point. In addition to the two Madison-bound winners, it included Carol Blair, Grace Hengst and Lee Henrickson. Mary Catherine Scheller was unable to attend because of illness."		
4/23/1959	People & Obituary & Gustafson & Companies	CARL R. MARSCHKE DIES; FUNERAL SERVICE TODAY "Funeral services will be held today for Carl R. Marschke, 49, who died Monday afternoon at the Marshfield Hospital after a year's illness of cancer. ¶ The Rev. Henry Gieschen will conduct rites at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m., and burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers selected are Edmund Stamm, Harold Zielke, Raymond Voemastek, Keith Zintz, Curtiss Patrick and Arnold Siroin. ¶ Born Sept. 18, 1909, in Rib Lake, the son of Albert and Elsa Hanke Marschke, Mr. Marschke attended Rib Lake schools. On Sept. 11, 1937, he was married to Violet Gustafson at Sherrill, Iowa. ¶ Early in 1938, he and his brother-in-law, Harry Gustafson, assumed management of the Gustafson Lumber Company upon the death of the owner, Victor Gustafson. From 1943 until the sale of the business to Elmer J. Taylor in 1955, Marschke was sole manager. After the transaction, he devoted his time to the expansion of Wisconsin Wood Products, Inc., at Phillips, serving as secretary-treasurer and heading the sales and promotion department.	In the 1920-50's, Gustafson Lumber Co. provided retail lumber yard sales and service. Its yard and buildings were south of the Catholic Church along "State Road," then STH 102.	

4/23/1959 (cont)	People & Obituary & Gustafson & Companies (cont)	¶ He was a former trustee of the Rib Lake Village Board, a member of the Commercial Club, and the Fish & Game Association. ¶ Surviving are his wife, a son, Carl Ronald, his mother, four sisters, Minnie, Champagne, Illinois; Anne, Mrs. Glen Hanifen, Chicago; Priscilla, Mrs. Einar Larsen, Chicago; Lucene, Mrs. Dennis Leffel, Curtiss; five brothers, Herman, Fred, Albert, Arthur, all of Rib Lake, and Edward, of Chicago. ¶ He was preceded in death by his father, in 1928, a sister, Margaret, and three brothers, William, Robert and Paul."		
4/23/1959	Fire	FOREST FIRE PREVENTION SECTION OF THE RIB LAKE HERALD	Annually the Rib Lake Herald would print - on green paper - a forest fire edition. It covered the regular news but then went on to articles dealing with forest fire issues. For example, Howard Bergquist wrote a biographical work on his 30 years working as a forest ranger for the State of Wisconsin Conservation Dept. Howard Bergquist was stationed primarily at Prentice. His comments included: "I again went to work about April 1. This was one of the worst spring fire seasons I have ever experienced. Every day seemed a little bit worse than the day before. Probably as many acres burned in my sub-district that year as burned in the entire state in 1958. The settlers had the attitude that a fire burned just as well without a permit as it did with one, and no one seemed to know how many fires started."	
4/30/1959	Harper Lake	WORK BEE AT LAKE "A work-bee at South Harper Lake beach will precede the monthly dinner meeting of the Rib Lake Commercial Club at Harper Lake Resort next Tuesday evening, President Don Mayer announces. ¶ Members and any interested individuals who want to help for a free meal, are asked to report at the beach from 5:30 p.m. on, and George Buksa, Jr., Chairman of the committee, will supervise the work. Assorted tools, such as shovels, pics and rakes will be needed. ¶ The project will include additional sand fill for the beach, painting and launching of the swimming raft, the establishment of buoys to set off the beach proper from the landing area for motor boats, and other spring cleanup work. ¶ Dinner will be served at the resort when the work is completed at nightfall, and will be followed by the regular business meeting. ¶ If the weather makes outdoor work impossible, the dinner will be served at the regular 6:30 p.m. time."	The reference to the resort is to the Harper Lake Resort on the east end of North Harper Lake, about 400 feet north of the swimming beach. The resort closed c. 1990.	
4/30/1959	Gustafson & Companies	QUARTER MILLION DOLLAR FIRE ONE OF THE COMMUNITY'S WORST "A spectacular quarter of a million dollar fire, which for a while endangered the entire south side of the village, destroyed two warehouses jammed with cheese making and packaging supplies last Friday. ¶ Had the wind been from the west, the entire plant of the Rib Lake Cheese Compay, Heindl's Grocery and dozens of residential buildings onto the east might have been lost. ¶ As it was, the loss was limited to two frame warehouses, approximately 28 x 30 feet and 48 x 72 feet, which were used to store wooden cheese boxes, wrapping supplies, salt and other materials. ¶ The buildings, formerly used as lumber storage sheds, are located just west of the cheese plant proper on the south side of old Highway 102. Elmer J. Taylor was the owner. ¶ Failure of the southeast wind to change also minimized the danger to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and rectory, the headquarters buildings of the Lake Superior District Power Company, and the Vendla Gustafson home and further to the north of tanks and bulk plant of the Standard Oil Company.	Note the reference to the quonset shed. In 2008, the shed is the local recycling center. ¶ The Rib Lake Cheese Company was probably then Rib Lake's second largest business, employing about 70. I believe the shoe factory employed more. The cover of this volume shows the labels of two of the Rib Lake Cheese Company's products: Miss Wisconsin Longhorn Cheddar Cheese, and Rib Lake Rindless Wisconsin Natural Cheese; Document #12505.	
4/30/1959 (cont)	Gustafson & Companies (cont)	¶ The fire, first seen at 10:15 a.m., was discovered in the rear of the smaller two story warehouse. A truck driver for the Green Bay Box Company, who had just unloaded cardboard boxes at the rear door of the company's quonset-type building, sounded the alarm. Flames had skipped clear through the building and were coming out of the front, accompanied by dense smoke, when the volunteer fire department truck arrived. They started pouring water into the inferno, but the pressure was low, and there weren't enough streams to affect the fire appreciably. ¶ Cheese factory employees carried some supplies out of the second warehouse, which the firemen thought possibly could be saved, but the tempo of the flames continued and soon the roof of the second building was aflame. It was packed to the roof with small boxes, 20 pound cheese boxes, used and just ripe for burning. ¶ Trucks from Medford and Westboro volunteer fire departments arrived in the meantime, the new Medford truck stopping at the bridge over Kennedy [Sheep Ranch] Creek a short distance to the west and laying a hose to the scene. It was then, with the greater pressure, and the activity of the Westboro department at the rear of the		

4/30/1959 (cont)	Gustafson & Companies (cont)	buildings, that it became apparent that another building line, a one-story concrete block structure, could be saved. ¶ Roaring flames burned off the toll line of the Rib Lake Telephone Company, halting south side service and some toll calls for several hours, then skipped across the street to start grass fires in the swampy area around the power company building and on towards the oil company tanks. ¶ Volunteers with wet sacks, brooms and other makeshift devices, extinguished these grass fires, along with the help of one hose line from the village fire truck. ¶ Hundreds upon hundreds of onlookers watched the firemen battle over a period of more than 4 hours - even handicapping the smoke beaters in some instances by parking their cars in the way of the trucks and projecting their persons in the way of the firemen. The lawn of the Catholic Church just across the highway was a natural amphitheatre for the spectators - Fr. Stock admitted there were more people in the yard than there are in church on most Sundays.		
4/30/1959 (cont)	Gustafson & Companies (cont)	¶ While the sagging east wall of the second building was reduced to smoldering, the firemen used poles and hooks to push it over, and mop-up operations began almost immediately. ¶ Although under control, there was a large area covered by smoldering rubble and Taylor secured the services of the Mueller Brothers bulldozer from Medford, which was working at the Spirit River bridge on Highway 102 near Spirit Lake. ¶ The machinery lifted and sloughed around the muddy debris, but eventually scattered it in such a manner that there was no longer danger of big flames breaking out again. ¶ It was the community's most spectacular fire since the planing mill and offices of the lumber were razed in 1945. The warehouse contents included a truck load of pliofilm wrapping paper, thousands of plastic pouches and cups for packaging cheese, more than 200,000 empty cheese boxes, and a large supply of salt and other cheese-making material. Some cheese hoops and molds were destroyed and some were carried out to safety.		
4/30/1959 (cont)	Gustafson & Companies (cont)	¶ Buck Gepsen, local manager, [of the Rib Lake Cheese Company] said that operations will continue as usual, and as of Wednesday, already had received replacements of some of the destroyed supplies and anticipated additional shipments shortly. Failure to receive some supplies on time might be the only factor which would curtail the cheese-wrapping operation, which at the time of the fire, employed about 70 people. ¶ Elmer Taylor, owner of the buildings, which formerly were used as dry sheds by his lumber company, and his predecessor, the Gustafson Lumber Company, estimated the loss of the two buildings at about \$10,000 - only partially covered by insurance. The cheese company insurance was reported to be adequate to cover its loss."		
4/30/1959	Utilities	BOARD WARNS OF ABUSES AT DUMP "A warning against abuses at the village dumping grounds on Harper Lake Road was issued recently. Careless householders have dumped debris in the center of the plot, on high ground, rather than over the edge as is outlined in the village ordinance, it was reported, and some users of the dump have illegally sought to help the village maintenance crew by starting fires there. ¶ Furthermore, evidence indicates that non-residents of the village have been using the dump, whereas it is maintained solely for the use of village residents. ¶ A warning letter was sent to one individual considered to be a serious violator of the regulations - a resident of the Town of Rib Lake."	Both the village and town had their own dumps, as did most other municipalities in Taylor County at that time. All were closed by the 1990's. ¶ In 1959 the village dump was located in the Town on the west side of CTH D, SE 1/4 - NE 1/4, Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. ¶ The last location for the town dump was on the NE 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 26, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. The dump man at that time was Lawrence Schneider. Going to the dump was typically done on Saturday morning. It was a real social affair, since you'd meet many friends and neighbors.	
5/7/1959	Clubs/Orders	DIETZLER NEW FISH AND GAME LEADER "Ted Dietzler was elected president of the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association at their monthly meeting Monday night in the scout hut. He succeeds Kenneth Mannel. ¶ Other officers include Herbert Magnuson, Vice President; Mannel, secretary; Carl Seidel, re-elected treasurer; and John Schreiner, re-elected director..."		
5/14/1959	Schools	34 ON THIS YEAR'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION LIST "34 names will be added to the long list of Rib Lake High School graduates when the Class of 1959 makes their final march in the High School gymnasium next Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. ¶ Admission will be by ticket only, due to the limited seating capacity. Most of the seats will be reserved for members of the immediate families of the graduates. ¶ The principal's office may be contacted for a limited number of additional seats, which will be distributed on a "first come - first served" basis, Principal Robert C. Becker reports. ¶ The program will open with a processional "Pomp and Circumstance," with Miss Gloria Freiboth at the piano, and the Rev. Henry Gieschen, Pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, will deliver the invocation...	The May 21 edition of the Herald indicated that Westboro High School had 26 on its graduation list.	
5/14/1959 (cont)	Schools (cont)	¶ Members of the graduating class are Ardith Beilke, Carol Blair, Donna Bockholt, Catherine Carstens, Alice Diestelhorst, Bernice Erdmann, Holly Heindl, Helen Heizler, Lucene Hughes, Terrance Johnson, Barbara Klemm, Wenzel Kapfhamer, Carol Kroll, Carl Ronald Marschke, Nancy Marschke, Marian McGuire. ¶ Also Marilyn Mielke, Herbert Mohr, Arlene Nesfall, Sandra Polacek, Mary Rhody, Malinda Rosenfeldt, Leah Schabel, Adrienne Schirmer, Gerald Seidel, Gilbert Steen, Raymond Synol, Edward Tehalko, Harvey Tilch, Norman Vlach, Randall Weinke, John Wudi, Johanne Yanko, and Mary Rose Zondlo."		

5/14/1959	Utilities & Rib Lake - Village	ANNUAL CLEANUP IS SET FOR NEXT WEEK "Annual "Cleanup Week" was set for next week Monday, May 18, through Saturday, May 23, by the Village Board Tuesday night. ¶ Village trucks will be used throughout the week in helping householders and business places clear their property of the winter's accumulation of debris, rubbish and trash. ¶ Those seeking this special service are asked to help keep the time required to a minimum by placing the waste material in easily handled containers, whenever possible, and by placing the containers at the curb or at the side of the alley. ¶ The rule has always been the trucks and crew will not enter private property to pick up rubbish, as it generally is possible for it to be made readily accessible. However, the principal objective is to rid the village of everything unsightly and unusable, and there probably will be a relaxation of the ordinary more rigid rules.."		
5/14/1959	Businesses	C.C. LORD - "Notice! My office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. ¶ Will be open from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday evenings between the 10th and 25th of each month..."	C.C. Lord, former RLLC bookkeeper and accountant, ran an accounting and bookkeeping service on McComb Ave. Lot 2, Block A, McComb's Racing Park Addition; the site is now part of the Greg & Cindy Hanke's Mobil Service Station.	
5/28/1958	Businesses	"The former North Side Garage building, recently purchased by Fred Schwarzrock from Mrs. Anna Dyrz, received a new composition roof last week. John Steen and Oscar Olson did the work. The building will be rented by the Rib Lake Cheese Company for storage."	The North Side Garage stood at 835 McComb Ave. In 2008, the site is Gerstberger Florist. It occupied Lot 10, Block C of McComb's Racing Park Addition.	
5/28/1959	Obituary & Spirit	ARVID B. BLOMBERG, WELL-KNOWN SPIRIT FARMER, IS BURIED "Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Ogema Baptist Church for Arvid B. Blomberg, 66, who died Saturday at the Tomahawk hospital after an illness of two weeks. Pastor David Brostrom officated, and burial was in the Ogema Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers were Reuben Wicklund, Gilbert, Reuben and Harold Blomberg, Gordon Danielson, and Palmer Wallbom, all nephews. ¶ Mr. Blomberg settled early on a farm in the Town of Hill, where he became known for his successful and experimental growing of potatoes. He was married to Ms. Dorothy Wryckland, who earlier preceded him in death. Active in political and organizational circles, he served as Price County Assemblyman for two terms, 1921 and 25, was coordinator of the Price Electric Cooperative and was a charter member of the Grange. ¶ During WWI, he was foreman of the Lake Superior Ship Yards at Superior. He had long been associated with a construction firm, there, and served as secretary of the Superior Carpenters Union.	I wonder if the unique, old horse-powered potato picker now used by Jerry Blomberg as a lawn ornament, belonged to this enterprising farmer?	
5/28/1959 (cont)	Obituary & Spirit (cont)	¶ He was married to Myrtle Gustafson, October 1, 1945, who survives him. ¶ Other survivors are a daughter, Elaine, Mrs. Earl Karwoski, Chicago; two step-daughters, Doris Frickland, Los Angeles, California; and Lois Mae, Mrs. Keith Parker, Seattle, Washington; a step-son, Floyd Gustafson, Kennewick, Washington; one brother, Hjalmer, Prentice; and five sisters, Mrs. Hulda Wickland, Mrs. Elyn Johnson, and Mrs. Emma Tedland, all of Mason, Wisconsin; and Mrs. Jenny Donaldson, and Mrs. Ruth Flood of Ogema. ¶ His son, Erland, was killed in WWII, and three brothers, Victor, Carl and George, and one sister, Esther Wallbom, also preceded him in death."		
5/28/1959	Obituary	MRS. ELSA MARSCHKE IS BURIED MONDAY "Funeral services for Mrs. Elsa Marschke, 67, who died Saturday at Winnebago, of pneumonia, were held Tuesday afternoon at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church; the Rev. Henry Gieschen presided, and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers were Herman Monske, Ed Christiansen, Erwin Krueger, Frank, William and Fred Radtke. ¶ Born Nov. 10, 1891, in Rib Lake, the daughter of Herman and Bertha Hanke, she was married to Albert Marschke Sept. 8, 1908. He preceded her in death in 1929. ¶ Survivors are two brothers, George, Rib Lake, and Oscar, Fond du Lac, 7 sisters, Ida Seskouritz, Mayta Wiess, Olga Poeschl, Irma Hanke, all of Fond du Lac; Christina Rasmussen, Wisconsin Rapids; Anna Reinke and Charlotte Glaub, both of Wauwatosa. Also surviving are two sons, Arthur, Rib Lake; and Edward, Chicago; two daughters, Lucene, Mrs. Dennis Leffel, Curtiss; and Priscilla, Mrs. Einor Larsen, Chicago; three step-sons, Herman, Fred and Albert, Rib Lake; and two step-daughters, Minnie, Champagne, Illinois; and Anna, Mrs. Glen Hanifen, Chicago.		
5/28/1959 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Preceding her in death were also four children; Paul, Margaret, Robert and Carl, and two step-children, William and Martha."		

5/28/1959	People & Rib Lake Herald	SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET "When Elmer Taylor arrived home early this Monday evening, Hattie surveyed him and cried: "Where did you get that dirt on the seat of your good gray slacks?" ¶ Said Elmer: "Oh, I must have gotten that sitting in Lil Clifford's waste basket." ¶ Hattie flipped out cold. Odd. And, when Elmer revived her, fiendishly he refused to clarify his statement, which isn't a bit odd, but rather, characteristic of Elmer. ¶ Since this occasion, Mrs. T. has borne that puzzle contest frown upon her usually untroubled brow. And if it's good enough for her, why not the rest of you? ¶ We are not going to explain Elmer's statement, either. And a handsome prize will be awarded the winner and/or solver of this riddle. There will probably be second, third and fourth prizes, too, depending upon local entries. ¶ Address your deductions to the Rib Lake Herald. (not, please, to Hattie Taylor)."	The Sunny Side of the Street was a weekly column on the front page of the Herald. This article was typical of the well-written, whimsical material of local interest that you would find there. The editors, Lillian and Gene Clifford, were the masters at folksy writing. Without question, they were most adept of all of the editors the Herald, in writing folksy articles of local interest. ¶ The Cliffords displayed a sign reading "Sunny Side of the Street" in their print shop. In 2008, you can still see that sign at Ed's IGA store. Ed Zondlo bought and razed the old Rib Lake Herald print shop office in the 1980's and constructed his store parking lot there.	
5/28/1959	Church - Catholic - St. Ann's	CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION [Advertisement] "Sunday, May 31, St. Ann's Church - Greenwood. High mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by outdoor procession and benediction. Roast beef and ham dinner to be served at noon. Grade school children 50 cents. Adults \$1.25."	The celebration of Corpus Christi was a well-attended, annual event at St. Ann's.	
6/4/1959	People	MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH HEBDA "The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hebda was celebrated last Sunday with a mass at St. John the Baptist Church, said by the Rev. Fr. Robert Stock. Following was a reception at their home and a dinner served at the church for 150 guests. Supper was served at the Hebda home. ¶ The former Anna Raczor and Joseph Hebda were united in marriage June 1, 1909, in Buffalo, New York, shortly after she had arrived in this country from Poland. The couple later moved to Kansas City, Missouri, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and finally to Rib Lake in 1917. Mr. Hebda's trade was that of pipe fitter. In Rib Lake, they originally occupied the present Meinrad Kathrein home on the lake, eventually buying a farm on Highway 102 east of the village.		
6/4/1959 (cont)	People (Cont)	¶ Their six children were present for the anniversary occasion. John, home from his Army post in Germany; Edward and his wife, La Miranda, California; Stanley and family, Rib Lake, who now occupy the home farm; Stella, Mrs. F.R. Kuznicki, her husband and son of Morton Grove, Illinois; Mrs. Julia Schabel and Joan, Jimmy and Mary; Mrs. Howard Lamont and husband and daughter, Sally, of Rib Lake. All 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren were present.."		
6/4/1959	Obituary	MRS. GRAUMAN, SR., DIES AT 58, FOLLOWING QUICK HEART ATTACK "Funeral services for Mrs. Ewald Grauman, Sr., 58, who died of a heart attack at the Medford Clinic Hospital last Friday, were held Tuesday afternoon at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. ¶ The Rev. Gieschen officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Theodore Schwoch, Sr., John Dums, George Erdman, Louis Menning, Andrew Bucki and Carl Thums. ¶ Born in Germany Dec. 11, 1900, the former Martha Lojewski came to this country in 1923, settling in Kenosha. There she was married to Ewald Grauman Nov. 23, 1923. The couple moved to the Town of Greenwood in 1927, establishing a farm home. ¶ Mrs. Grauman had the pleasure of a trip to Germany in the summer of 1956 to visit her relatives there for several months. Survivors are her husband, a daughter, Gertrude, Mrs. Ralph Lemke, Goodrich; four sons, Ewald, Jr., Chelsea; Arthur, Rib Lake; Gunther and Erhart at home; three brothers, Paul and Otto Lojewski, Milwaukee, and Fred in Germany..."		
6/18/1959	People	TLUSTY'S MARK 50TH "Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Tlusty, long-time residents of Whittlesey area, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday. ¶ At 10:30 a.m. mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Whittlesey, where they were married on June 16, 1909, was followed by a reception for relatives, close friends and neighbors at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall at Medford. ¶ The former Teckla Reinhart, attendants at the wedding, Mrs. William Warner, Whittlesey, and Mrs. Nick Lehnen, Owen, were present, as was William Reinhart, Ashland, the bride's brother, one of the groom's attendants. The other, Charles Schneider, is deceased. ¶ The Tlusty's operated a farm north of Whittlesey for many years prior to their retirement several years ago. ¶ Their seven children - all sons - and their families, were present. They include George Tlusty, Rib Lake; Richard, Merrill; Lawrence, Walter, Leon, Franklin and Allen, all living in or near Medford. There are also 19 grandchildren. John Reinhart of Rib Lake is Mrs. Tlusty's brother."	Our present Village President, Wayne Tlusty, is a grandson.	

6/18/1959	Camp Forest Springs	JAMES LAKE CAMP IS NOW "FOREST SPRINGS" "Forest Springs" is the official name recently chosen for the new camp on James Lake southwest of the Village. ¶ Camp Forest Springs spreads over 230 acres of rolling forest country, with nearly 3/4 of a mile frontage on James Lake. From the camp's highest point on a clear day, one can see Rib Mountain, over 40 miles to the southeast. Sponsored by the Youth Gospel Crusade, Inc., with the cooperation of several Price and Taylor County churches, the camp will serve primarily youth and adults of Wisconsin. Construction of the camp has been accomplished through the voluntary donation of money, materials and labor by interested friends. ¶ Nearing completion are three large double cabins and the main lodge. Most of the cabin construction was done by volunteer workers from Ogema, Medford and Prentice. Recently the well was drilled, the sanitary lines completed, and work on the kitchen is proceeding rapidly. ¶ The first camp, starting July 5, is open to all boys and girls ages 8-11. A second camp for children 8-11 is scheduled to begin the week of July 19...The camp fees are nominal, and the public is invited to write the camp for further details.	In 2008, the director of Camp Forest Springs is Pat Petka. Pat and Karen reside at 711 Fayette Avenue, Rib Lake. ¶ According to long-time camp manager, Dick Angelo, camp policy calls for all permanent staff to live in the community; this wise policy has avoided the "you versus us" syndrome sometimes alienating a religious camp from its neighbors. The camp opens its doors every winter Sunday afternoon to the public. It is a great community asset and neighbor.	
6/18/1959 (cont)	Camp Forest Springs (cont)	¶ Forest Springs has been built for and is dedicated to the training of young hearts, minds, and bodies in a year-round camp program dedicated to the goal inscribed on our cornerstone, "God first," Richard W. Neill, Camp President, said. "There will be a full program of recreation and sports, together with life-related, interested studies of the world's best-seller, the Bible."		
7/9/1959	Businesses	JOHN HAAS, SPORTS GOOD DEALER, DIES SUDDENLY ON JULY 4 "Funeral services for John R. Haas, 76, proprietor of The Sport Shop for the past 13 years, who died of a heart attack at noon on July 4, were held at the Taylor Funeral Home. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Haas, accompanied by Elwin Boyds, Spirit Lake, were strolling back home from a downtown restaurant where they had eaten dinner. Arriving at the door of their establishment, Mr. Haas sustained a heart attack and fell to the sidewalk dead. ¶ Pallbearers were Joe Edwards, Phillip Styka, George Elliot, Donald Siewert, Carl Kriegle and Harold Christensen. ¶ Born in Elmhurst, Wisconsin, Nov. 5, 1882, Mr. Haas worked as a railroad man for 47 years. He served on lumber company railroads, including the RLLC, the Mellen company, and for 19 years was employed by the Nekoosa-Edwards Paper Company, Port Edwards. ¶ He was married to Mayme Young Corvin Dec. 18, 1941, at Waukon, Iowa. The couple moved from Port Edwards to Rib Lake in April of 1946, and established the Main Street [McComb Ave.] sporting goods store known as The Sport Shop..."	"The Sport Shop" occupied the old Modern Woodman of America building on east McComb Ave. This old lodge hall site is, in 2008, just north of C&G Hanke Mini-Mart.	
7/9/1959	Fire & Agriculture	HOLIDAY WEEKEND FIRE RAZES BIG BARN "Ill fortune struck the Isadore Bonde family early Sunday morning when fire razed the large barn, silo and an adjacent machine shop on the farm about three miles northeast of the village. ¶ Mrs. Bonde called the volunteer fire department when awakened by a neighbor, George Zondlo, who had seen the flames from his tavern more than a mile away, but the flames had gained such headway that the fire fighters had to limit their efforts to saving the house, the small barn and a milk house nearby. ¶ Mr. Bonde did save his car, driving it out of the machine shed attached to the north end of the barn, just before the roof of the building crashed in. ¶ The Bondes were unable to explain how the fire may have started. ¶ The farm was originally owned by August Mielke, and he erected the 40 x 68 foot barn in 1913, his friend, Fred, recalls. The farm is on the west side of Highway C a mile north of the town hall, but the home and buildings were located about a quarter of a mile west of the county road..."	About 1973 a fire again struck the Bonde's, destroying their farm home and taking the life of their son, Joseph.	
7/23/1959	Politics & Forests - County	HANK GEBAUER ON ROAD'S COMMITTEE "Henry Gebauer, chairman of the Town of Greenwood, was elected a member of the county highway committee at the brief summer session of the county board of supervisors. ¶ He succeeds Erwin Frischmann, former chairman of the Town of Chelsea, who resigned recently. Frischmann's successor, Gilbert Krug, was seated on the board when the session was opened by Chairman Millard Kapitz of Rib Lake. ¶ The Board approved the purchase of 160 acres - the SE quarter of Section 9, in the Town of Rib Lake, from Lawrence Van Hecker, and this tract will be added to the adjacent county forest lands."	Henry was always a mild-mannered, polite public servant. He later became chairman of the Taylor County Board of Supervisors.	
7/23/1959	Westboro	WESTBORO LUTHERAN CHURCH IN 75TH YEAR "75th anniversary of the founding of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church at Westboro will be celebrated by members of the congregation in a series of services this weekend. ¶ The congregation, formed on July 18, 1884, was then known as the First Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church. ¶ The celebration will take place in the enlarged and improved church building on Highway 13 at the northern edge of Westboro. The church is affiliated with the Augustana Synod. ¶ The new facilities involved a \$13,000 project, which was carried out last summer, and through the winter. They include a basement, additions to the front and back, an enlarged sanctuary, a new spire, siding and new roof, central heating and new water system. Members of the congregation did much of the work on a volunteer basis..."	This congregation, in 2008, is First Lutheran Church, N8909 Business Highway 13. My spry and untiring, 89-year-old mother-in-law, Lorraine A. Killion, is its organist.	
7/23/1959	People & Entertainment	WALBECK WINS RACE "Local stockcar racer Marlin Walbeck, piloted his potent '37 Plymouth to win the feature race at Wausau last Sunday afternoon. While warming up, he tied the time trial record of 22 seconds on a third mile track. ¶ Thirty-four cars were entered in this race. Previously this season, Walbeck has won a semi-feature race and on another occasion was stopped from cinching the feature by a broken flywheel. ¶ The formula for the potent Plymouth is as closely guarded as any nuclear weapon, we must report."		

7/23/1959	Environment	TONS OF DEAD, DYING SUCKERS ARE TAKEN FROM THE LAKE; OXYGEN GONE "Tons of dead or dying fish, mostly suckers, were removed from Rib Lake last week as a result of a devastating summer kill, the cause of and full implications of which are still undetermined. ¶ Apparently suffering from a lack of oxygen in the water, thousands of our finny friends sought oxygen in the fresh water coming into the lake from Copper Creek on the east shore, just south of the cemetery. ¶ They didn't find enough, even though many of them went up the shallow creek as far as possible. Weakened by the lack of air and exertion in trying to find it, they started to die and literally thousands of them did. ¶ The eastern migration started as early as Tuesday of last week and by Thursday had reached a peak, sluffing off over the weekend and early this week. ¶ The village crew worked steadily, most of Thursday, removing the dead and dying fish, and a crew of volunteers from the Fish & Game Association carried on Thursday evening and Friday.		
7/23/1959 (cont)	Environment (cont)	¶ Most of the fish were hauled to the Bernard Strobach farm, where they were plowed under for fertilizer. One load went to the village dump, where they were burned after being dried out sufficiently. ¶ What caused it all? Opinion varies, needless to say. ¶ The moot point on which all of the experts agree, is the lack of oxygen in the water. ¶ What causes the lack of oxygen? ¶ That's a long and involved story and here goes. ¶ Bob Bredemus, biologist for the northwest area headquarters of the State Conservation Department, who was here Friday, with Warden Ken Coyle of Medford, agreed with Coyle on the oxygen factor. In fact, he proved it by taking tests of water all over the lake. An oxygen content of at least 3 parts per million parts of water is necessary to sustain fish life. ¶ In all areas of the lake, except right close to Copper Creek outlet, the oxygen was found to average less than one part to a million parts of water...¶ But what caused the lack of oxygen?		
7/23/1959 (cont)	Environment (cont)	¶ There are many contributing factors to that, according to Bredemus. They include shallowness of the water; the presence of algae, which consumes oxygen; the presence of bark logs and other extraneous material in the water, which consume oxygen, the possibility of contamination of the lake by sewage, the warm temperatures recently, the calmness of the water (wind with resulting whitecaps, might stir it up), and the over-fertility of the water, which results in most of the aforementioned situations..."		
7/23/1959	Agriculture & Rib Lake - Town	GALLERY OF MEMORIES "Neighbors and friends of John Schwartz, who has a farm on CTH C two miles north of the Rib Lake Town Hall, helped him erect a new barn in a bee 10 years ago. Bachelor John declined to pose with the cooks, who fed the hungry crew. Recognize any of the gals?"	The Schwartz farm was located on the S 1/2 - SE 1/4, Section 12, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. In 2008, the fine barn still stands firm, owned by Scott and Mary Geisler. ¶ The photograph shows six aproned women standing in and about a doorway. That doorway now leads into my kitchen. After John Schwartz passed away, Marlin Walbeck acquired the land and buildings. In 1971, Marlin erected a new home and pulled the old farmhouse off the foundation and sold it to my father for \$190. My father and I moved that farm home 1/2 mile south on Hwy C in 1971, forming the nucleus of my present home.	
7/30/1959	Schools	VERNON HANKE, ALAN BLOMBERG ELECTED TO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD "Alan G. Blomberg, Town of Hill, and Vernon Hanke, Village, were elected members of the Board of Education of Joint School District #1, Village and Town of Rib Lake, and Towns of Hill and Spirit, at the annual meeting in the high school gymnasium Monday night. ¶ Blomberg operates a sand, gravel and bulldozing business and Hanke is a wholesale oil distributor. ¶ They succeeded Frank Zondlo, Town of Rib Lake, and Richard Upjohn, Village, who were not candidates for reelection. ¶ Nominees for the two vacancies were Blomberg, who pulled 58 votes, Hanke with 47, Adolph Vlach 40 and Elmer Radtke 34. ¶ The Board, with the new members seated, met after the voters meeting and reelected Carl Meier, Town of Spirit, President, and George Thums, Village, Treasurer; Curtiss Patrick, Town of Rib Lake, the third hold-over member, was named Clerk. ¶ Frank L. Becker was named to preside over the meeting, which was attended by slightly less than 100.	Mr. Alan and Mrs. Jeanette "Nettie" Blomberg lived in a cozy home on the southwest corner of Hultman Lake.	
7/30/1959 (cont)	Schools (cont)	¶ The voters authorized the board to sell the old Ward School property - building and grounds, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ford, proprietors of the new and adjacent Golden Age Nursing Home. ¶ The price agreed upon is \$1,500, and the Fords have made a down payment of \$100."		

8/6/1959	Businesses	WAUSAU MAN TO REOPEN MOTION PICTURE THEATRE "Good news came yesterday in the announcement by Herb Schwocho, Wausau, that he will reopen the New Lake motion picture theatre next week Friday, August 14. ¶ Schwocho, who now operates the theatre on a part-time basis at Edgar, said the local house will be opened for four days each week, Friday through Monday. ¶ He planned on showing one each on Friday, Saturday and Monday nights, and on Sunday at least for the time being, will have a matinee in the afternoon, and two shows at night. ¶ He is no newcomer to Rib Lake or to the theatre business here, having operated the old Lake Theatre previously known as the Gem, in the old Johnson building at the north end of Main Street between 1940 and 1944. ¶ He had negotiated for a lease with the Rib Lake Realty Company, owners of the theatre building more than a year ago, and since has been arranging details for the opening, including advertising, booking of pictures, concessions and other details.	Nota bene: 15 cents to go to a movie!	
8/6/1959 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ --Schwocho said that the schedule showing is tentative at this time and may be altered as conditions warrant. He expects to maintain the admission charges of 15 cents, 25 cents and 50 cents. ¶ The theatre, one of the nicest in the state for a community of this size, has been dark for several months, except for a few weekends in the spring, when it was operated by the Rib Lake Baseball Committee and the Boy and Girl Scouts on a benefit basis."		
8/6/1959	Spirit Lake & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	STATE WARNS SPIRIT LAKE WATER LEVEL MUST BE LOWERED BY CLUB "Despite a warning from R.E. Purucker, acting chief engineer for the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, to comply with a 10-month-old order to lower the water level on Spirit Lake, members of the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association took no official action and instead referred the matter to a Medford attorney at their regular Monday night meeting. ¶ The letter, addressed to Kenneth Mannel, former president and now secretary of the Association, pointed out that the letter of Oct. 13, 1958, ordered the Association to modify the dam at the outlet of Little Spirit Lake "so that the established level may be maintained."...If we do not hear from you by Sept. 1, 1959, stating that the dam has been modified to maintain the water level at or below the maximum, staff will recommend to the Commission that the matter be referred to the Governor under section 38.24, statutes.		
8/6/1959 (cont)	Spirit Lake & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. (cont)	¶ The members present did not understand just what the Governor might do about the situation, and since all present seemed to think the higher level is proper, the matter was referred to Attorney Clifford Curran for advice....¶ An inspection last August, when the flow of the river was low, revealed an elevation of 93.77 feet, resulting in a water level about 9" inches above that authorized. ¶ The higher level resulted from a "reverse" method of constructing a stream of water through which fish, which had gone down the river, could get back into the lake. Instead of cutting out a section of the spillway, to provide a concentrated stream where the fish return, the club elevated the sides of the spillways with timbers, creating a fish stream in the center at the original height of the dam. This is responsible for the higher level of the water. ¶ There are two schools of thought on the subject. Members of the Club believe that the general condition of Little Spirit and Big Spirit have improved with the higher water, that it allows boats to go through the connecting channel easily, and that fishing in general has improved on both lakes since the water level was raised.		
8/6/1959 (cont)	Spirit Lake & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. (cont)	¶ Those seeking the lower level, which include Cy Classen and Ralph Fjeldheim, both property owners, say that the higher level is resulting in washing of silt into the water, that outboard motor boats churn up the water to make the in-washing worse, and that some property along the shores has been flooded and rendered useless. ¶ Claussen has threatened to take legal action if the state order is not complied with, asserting that officers and members of the Association, at the time the dam was constructed, or the addition made, may be liable for damages. The Club, at that time, was not incorporated."		
8/20/1959	Spirit Lake	PETITION TO URGE SPIRIT LEVEL BE MAINTAINED "Petitions opposing the lowering of the dam at Spirit Lake have been signed by more than 250 property owners and individual sportsmen, the Herald was informed Wednesday. ¶ Property owners had planned to take the petitions to the Public Service Commission at Madison Tuesday, but delayed the trip upon the recommendation of Attorney Cliff Curran of Medford, who has been retained by the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association...Among those who had planned to make the trip to Madison on Tuesday were Ken Mannel, and Les Magnuson, secretary and vice president, respectively, of the Fish & Game Association, and Fred Mielke, and Virgil Miller, both property owners on Big Spirit, and operators of boat liveries. ¶ It was understood that the petitions were circulated in one tavern in the Village, at the shoe factory, and at establishments operated by Miller and Mielke....		
8/20/1959 (cont)	Spirit Lake (cont)	¶ The Commission's letter said that if the dam was not lowered by September 1, the matter would be referred to the Governor, under state law. Observers believe it unlikely that the Governor would take any action along this line, which would be unpopular with the preponderance of the property owners on the lake and fishermen and citizens in the general area."		

8/27/1959	Rib Lake - Village & People	[LANDALL AVENUE] "Quite a few folks inquired, no complained, that being left out on a limb by our last week's yarn concerning Bob Landaal, California, visitor, who claimed that Landaal Avenue and Pearl Street were originally named after his parents. ¶ Quite a legitimate claim, too, for his father and A.C. McComb, of Oshkosh, ventured into this wilderness well before the turn of the century, to purchase land. "McComb's Racing Park Addition" is the land description for the Main Street [McComb Avenue] plot, where the Herald building now roosts. While around the corner, the local library stands on Landaal Avenue, with Pearl Street, called so after Pearl Follett Landaal, running alongside. ¶ Bob Landaal was vacationing here with his uncle, Al Follett, formerly of Spencer, now Wisconsin Rapids, who owns a cottage on South Harper Lake."	Please note that in 2008, the spelling of the street is "Landall." ¶ A spectacular photograph, Document #10771, shows B.J. Landaal, A.C. McComb, J.J. Kennedy and others holding a tape measure platting the lots on what was to become McComb Avenue. You may consult this photograph, and others, on the CDs of Rib Lake History, Documents and Photos - available at the Rib Lake Public Library. ¶ Throughout his long and illustrious tenure as publisher of the Herald, Eugene Curran mistakenly referred to McComb Avenue as Main Street. ¶ From the standpoint of land records, Main Street was created May 23, 1895, when Mr. & Mrs. J.J. & Flora Kennedy recorded "The Survey of Rib Lake," with the Taylor Co. Register of Deeds. The survey shows Main Street running from the junction of Church & Second Street along the lakeshore, past Railroad Street, to the "mill lot."	
8/27/1959 (cont)	Rib Lake - Village & People (cont)		¶ The same road was shown as "Main Street" on the plat of subdivision of unplatted parts of Block A, original plat of Rib Lake. The village board officially approved and accepted the plat on Aug. 9, 1949. ¶ Recently, I wrote to the village board and president: "Since you have been working hard and successfully on solving so many pressing issues, I thought you might enjoy addressing a lighter one. I am attempting to authoritively answer where the official "Main Street" of the Village is. ¶ In May, 1895, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. and Flora Kennedy recorded with the Taylor County Register of Deeds the "Survey of the Village of Rib Lake." It identified as "Main Street" a thoroughfare beginning at the junction of Church and Second Street, and running along the lake shore northward and ending at the "mill lot."	
8/27/1959 (cont)	Rib Lake - Village & People (cont)		¶ On September 7, 1949, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy J. and Esther V. Mueller had prepared "The Plat of Subdivision of Unplatted Lands of Block A, Original Plat of Rib Lake." Village Clerk Frank Becker, on February 1, 1953, signed the plat providing: "I, Frank Becker, being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says that the above and foregoing resolution accepting this plat was adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Rib Lake at a meeting on the 9th day of August, 1949." ¶ The same document showed the following under the signature of Village President Leon W. Olsen and Village Clerk F.L. Becker: "Resolution 1 – Be it resolved by the Village Board of Rib Lake, that the subdivision of mill lots 1, 2 and 3, as shown in this plat, and the same is hereby approved." ¶ The 1949 survey showed "Main Street" running on the same route as the 1895 survey, except that it ended at Railroad Street. ¶ Are you aware of any resolution or other authority that may have "officially" changed the name and location of Main Street from these recorded documents?	

8/27/1959 (cont)	Rib Lake - Village & People (cont)		¶ I note, for example, that the "Official Building Number Map of the Village of Rib Lake" dated January, 2005, shows absolutely no Main Street within the Village limits, and shows the thoroughfare in the J.J. Kennedy and Rudy Mueller survey as "Lake Street." ¶ Thank you for your cooperation and help."	
8/27/1959	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	EARLY LANDMARK - BOWLING ALLEYS TO BE REBUILT "One of the early downtown landmarks of Rib Lake, the old building which formerly housed a bowling alley, saloons operated by several individuals, and later a blacksmith shop, will take on the "new look" shortly, as it is remodeled into a garage and warehouse for Heglmeier's Bakery. ¶ The building is located on the alley, back of the New Lake Theatre, and if it could talk, the recital would constitute a valuable contribution to the history of our Rib Lake. ¶ The Village Board Tuesday night granted Louis Heglmeier a building permit to raze part of the building and to rebuild the remaining structure into a 30 x 48-foot warehouse and garage. ¶ The main structure will be repaired where needed, new windows installed, a new composition roof will be added, large garage doors installed on the south side, and the whole structure eventually covered with new siding. The present concrete floor will be retained. ¶ The property was bought recently by Heglmeier from the McRae estate, and some of the old equipment and furniture from the McRae home, bakery and restaurant, is still stored in the structure.	This "bowery" stood in the southwest corner of what, in 2008, is known as Mill Lane and Landall Avenue. Its precise location is shown on the Dec. 1926 Sanborn Insurance map, Doc. #11159 - see CDs of Rib Lake History, Documents and Photos. ¶ The buildings were razed about 2006. In 2008, the site is a lawn. ¶ This "bowery" occupied Lot 14, Block A, McComb's Racing Park Addition.	
8/27/1959 (cont)	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	¶ Vic Daue is doing the rebuilding, and this certainly is proper, as it was he and his father, the late Adolf Daue, who constructed the original structure in 1904 or 1905. ¶ It originally was what was popularly known in those days as a "bowery" - today we would call it an open-air pavilion. It was merely a roof, set on posts, with a dance floor beneath. It was constructed for the 4th of July dance, and that must have been a grand affair - with the bowery overlooking the moonlit lake, and the young folks performing their graceful polkas and waltzes before the fireworks were set off across the water. ¶ The bowery was used for Saturday night dances the remainder of the summer, and in the fall, the late Jacob Kapitz, one of the Village's early businessmen and father of the Kapitz brothers, purchased the structure and walled it in. The front part was used as a tavern and the rear part, along with a 4-room house, which adjoined the building on the south, was used for living quarters. It was here that Millard (Satch) Kapitz was born.		
8/27/1959 (cont)	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	¶ The elder Kapitz acquired a double-bowling lane, which had been operated in a building at the site of the present sport shop, and installed it in a long, narrow lean-to addition to the east side of the building. This part of the structure has deteriorated over the years, and is being removed in the current remodeling operation. ¶ The main structure was continued in use as a tavern by several operators - names that are familiar to all, such as Jarosch, Marschke, Pacourek - until well into the prohibition era. Then the current operator got hooked for bootlegging, and the place was closed up. ¶ Some time ago, William Junk, who now lives on Highway C northeast of the Village, came over from Chelsea, where he had been the Village smithy, and opened a blacksmith shop in the front part of the building. It was then that the concrete floor was poured, and it is still in good condition. ¶ Herman Smith took over the blacksmith shop in 1928, and operated it for about 9 years before building a new structure across Landaal Avenue, at the rear of and across the alley from the Little Bohemia, in 1938.		
8/27/1959 (cont)	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	¶ In later years, the old building, a handsome and popular spot in its era, has been used as a warehouse by different retail firms in the Village. It is still a good structure, basically, solid and well-built inside, Daue says, and he should know."		
9/3/1959	Obituary	JOHN BERTAGNOLI "John Bertagnoli, 89, a long-time resident of the community, died Tuesday evening at the Golden Age Nursing Home. ¶ Funeral services will be held Friday in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, with burial at Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ ...Mr. Bertagnoli was born in Austria September 28, 1870, and came to the United States when he was 18 years old. He lived in Pennsylvania for about 3 years, and then came to Rib Lake, where he was employed in the tannery and at the sawmill. He operated a tavern for a time at the site of the present Gehrt's Bar, and also tended bar for his brother, the late Joseph Bertagnoli, who also operated a tavern here. ¶ He was married to Josephine Carol Frier in Rib Lake, September 29, 1910. She died June 15, 1957. ¶ Surviving are a son, Frank Bertagnoli; a daughter, Mrs. Berniece Synol; and four grandchildren, all of Rib Lake.."	His bar was located on McComb Ave., Block B, Lot 10, McComb's Racing Park Addition. In 2008, the street address is 832 McComb Avenue - "The Last Chance Tavern."	

9/3/1959	Obituary	EUGENE HEIN "Eugene Hein, 65, a native of the community, and operator of a farm east of the village for many years, died Wednesday at St. Joseph's Hospital at Marshfield...Mr. Hein was born in Rib Lake on July 25, 1894, the son of the late Berthold and Josephine Hein. He farmed in the area all of his life, with the exception of the time he was in the service during WWI. The farm is on the short-cut town road between the cemetery road and CTH C. ¶ Surviving are the widow, the former Elsa Tetzlaff; a son, Calvin Hein, Medford; a daughter, Phyllis, Mrs. Karl Schwoch, Fall River; six grandchildren; a sister, Lydia, Mrs. Joe Enders, Warren, Michigan; and four brothers, Rudolph and Otto Hein, Rib Lake; Herman Hein, Warren, Michigan; and Robert Hein, Eagle River. ¶ His parents and three sisters preceded him in death."		
9/17/1959	Politics	SENATOR BILL PROXMIRE WILL VISIT RIB LAKE, VICINITY, ON MONDAY "Rib Lake will be signally honored next Monday when William Proxmire, United States Senator, pays the village a visit. ¶ The Senator announced at Washington, after Congress adjourned Thursday, that he would be in Rib Lake Post Office at 10:30 a.m. and will speak to students at the high school at 11:00 a.m. ¶ Members of the Commercial Club are planning a noon luncheon, the size and location of which will be dependent upon the time that the Senator can spend here. An effort was being made to contact him personally on Wednesday...¶ Senator Proxmire frankly announced his trip as a "barn-storming tour," which will be through the state from today (Thursday) until January 6."	Proxmire was a legend for political campaigns based on hand-shaking, not dollars. He once successfully ran for US Senate, spending less than \$100.	
10/1/1959	Agriculture & People	ORRIN MEYER HONORED "Orrin W. Meyer of Chilton, Calumet County Agricultural Agent, who was Rib Lake High School's first agricultural teacher, was the subject of an interesting feature story in the Milwaukee Journal recently. ¶ The story, in part, was a tribute to Meyer for the distinguished service award he had recently received at the convention of the National Association of County Agents, and the Journal's farm writer, Lou French, called Meyer, a "farmer's county agent." ¶ It outlined his agricultural background in Manitowoc County, how he attended Normal School and then taught school for a year before entering the College of Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin, completing a 4-year course in 3-1/2 years and graduating with honors.	Meyer wrote a fascinating biography of his days at Rib Lake. You may consult that on the CDs of Rib Lake History: Documents and Photos, as Doc. #10333.	
10/1/1959 (cont)	Agriculture & People (cont)	¶ "The first job was in Rib Lake High School, teaching vocational agriculture," the Journal story said. "Taylor County then was switching from lumbering to farming, so much help was needed in the transition of this north country. Vieland oats were introduced to beat the rusts that were ruining the grain of that day. Purebred swine were brought in to get market hogs that looked like pork, rather than razorbacks. Any dairy cattle were improved." ¶ After leaving Rib Lake, Meyer taught at Brillion High School for 3 years and became Calumet County agent in 1945. The story tells how he assisted in providing farms of that circle with a Grade A milk market through the Lake-to-Lake Cooperative, his campaigns on behalf of artificial breeding of dairy cattle, to provide markets for sugar beets and eggs, and his assistance in organizing a feeder pig cooperative. ¶ Meyer still spends about 65% of his time on farms, conferring with farmers on their individual problems, rather than relying on office appointments, radio talk or farm meetings. ¶ Editor's note: Mr. Meyer further proves his sagacity by continuing to subscribe to the Rib Lake Herald."		
10/1/1959	Politics	MILLARD KAPITZ GIVEN HIGH ASSOCIATION JOB "Millard Kapitz, Supervision of the Village of Rib Lake and longtime chairman of the Taylor Co. Board of Supervisors, was elected vice president of the Wisconsin County Boards Association at the annual convention held in Rhinelander Monday through Wednesday of last week. Kapitz is a former State Assemblyman."		
10/8/1959	Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	TANNERY POND, AS USUAL, PRODUCES A FINE MUSKY CROP "Tannery Pond in Rib Lake retained its reputation as one of the most productive of the musky-rearing waters in Northern Wisconsin this summer. ¶ A total of 820 muskies were removed from the pond last Friday. They ranged from 9-10 inches long, and their weight averaged about 6 to the pound. ¶ They were fingerlings when placed in the pond in the spring by representatives of the District Office of the State Conservation Department at Spooner. There were 3,000 of them then, and the state men reported that 820 official count of grown-up fish is an unusual percentage - anything above 20% on a summer-long rearing program like the local one, is considered good. ¶ 312 of the fish were transplanted into Spirit Lake, 413 went into the Mondeaux Flowage, and 95 were planted in Jump River.		
10/8/1959 (cont)	Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. (cont)	¶ The removal operation was a long and tedious one, due to the continued heavy rains, which kept postponing the draining of the pond. Several of the Fish and Game members spent a number of nights at the dam site, resting uneasily in a tent provided by Ed Martin, and enjoying food and refreshments now and then, as provided by sympathetic fellow members."		

10/8/1959	Spirit Lake & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR OCTOBER 22 ON SPIRIT LAKE'S WATER LEVEL "A public hearing on the water level of the Spirit Lakes will be held by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission starting at 9:00 a.m. October 22, at the courthouse in Medford. ¶ Notice of the hearing was received early this week by officers of the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association, which built the dam about 10 years ago, and has been seeking to maintain the present water level, contrary to the previous order of the State Commission. ¶ The order continues that on July 24, 1958, "C.R. Claussen, Taylor County Surveyor, who owns land in the Town of Rib Lake on the shores of Spirit Lake, informed the Commission that the dam had been raised about 12 inches and had flooded his land." ¶ A Commission engineer, on August 13, 1958, made a field investigation and found the water level at 94.15 feet elevation, compared with a pool elevation of 93.1 feet authorized by the Commission. He also reported that the top of the spillway had been raised by a concrete cap, one foot high, at the ends and sloping towards the center.		
10/8/1959 (cont)	Spirit Lake & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. (cont)	¶ The Commission has been corresponding with officers of the Association in an effort to have the unauthorized level reduced or an application filed to raise the dam. The Association was incorporated September, 1958. On July 29, 1959, the Commission informed the Association that unless the dam was lowered to hold permitted levels, the matter would be reported to the Governor as a violation for prosecution. ¶ "Association officers contend that the raised water levels are desired, generally, and the funneling of the water overflow has protected fish from water-kill and trapping. They filed a petition, signed chiefly by persons with the address of Rib Lake, in favor of the higher levels. ¶ Ted Dietzler, President of the sportsman's group, said that an effort will be made to get a large attendance at the hearing, particularly of Spirit Lake property owners who favor the higher water level."		
10/15/1959	Businesses & Obituary	ANOTHER FAMILIAR FACE GONE AFTER JAKE JANDA DEATH "A gathering place for Rib Lake youth for more than a half century - Jake Janda's store, probably closed for the last time Friday when Jacob C. Janda, 83, died at Sacred Heart Hospital at Tomahawk, where he had been a patient for about 3 weeks after sustaining a stroke. ¶ Funeral services were held at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday at St. John the Baptist Church, with the Rev. Robert Stock officiating. Burial was in the cemetery at Catawba. Rosary services were held at the Taylor Funeral Home on Monday evening. ¶ Pallbearers were Adolf Vlach, Herman Batzer, Harold and Carl Winkler, Peter Beck and James Novak. ¶ Mr. Janda was born in Bohemia August 9, 1876, and came to the United States and settled in Rib Lake in 1895, when he was 19 years old. He soon established a variety store, specializing in candies, ice creams and fresh fruit.	Ironically, less than a month ago, August, 2008, the Jake Janda store building was torn down by my son-in-law, Rodney Strobach, to make more room for the Genesis Youth Center next door. The Janda building occupied Block B, Lot 8, of McComb's Racing Park Addition to the Village of Rib Lake; its street address was 828 McComb Ave.	
10/15/1959 (cont)	Businesses & Obituary (cont)	¶ "Jake's Place" was a popular one for many years, and he operated it more or less steadily until about 4 years ago, when he sustained an illness which required a serious operation. He then started to make his home with the Louis Mennings, across the street from the North Main Street [McComb Ave.] store, which he occasionally opened up and "tended," although there was little trade and little tending to do. ¶ He had appeared to be in fairly good health since that time, although his hearing was impaired. About 2 months ago, he had enjoyed an 83rd birthday party, at which several old-time friends helped him consume a birthday cake prepared by Mrs. Menning. ¶ He never married, and his only survivors are several nieces and nephews in the Medford and Goodrich areas."	Its last commercial user was Janice K. Deaton, who operated an antique store there until June, 2008. ¶ If Jake opened the store in 1895, it means that he ran it for 64 years - that has to be some type of a record. ¶ The article makes mention of Jake rooming with the Louis Mennings, across the street. Mr. Menning was the barber at what is now George Zondlo, Jr.'s barber shop, 821 McComb Ave.	
10/15/1959	Highways	HIGHWAY C NOW PAVED! "Scouts from southeast of the Village report that blacktopping on CTH C was completed earlier last week, clear to its junction with CTH M, the final lap completed being the 2-mile stretch from Joe Shaddock's tavern to Mel Budimlija's tavern. Everybody in that area is happy about it, and so are we in Rib Lake."	It's hard to image that a major road like CTH C was dirt and gravel for most of its existence. ¶ Shaddock's tavern stood on the northeast corner of Wood Creek Avenue and CTH C. Mel Budimlija's tavern, in 2008, is Dennis Fuch's "Cattail Tap," a/k/a "Foxy's."	
10/15/1959	People & Rusch	HATTIE LARSEN IS MARRIED TO ALFRED KNOP "Hattie Stumpf-Larsen, Spirit, daughter of Mrs. Lydia Stumpf, Bayfield, became the bride of Alfred H. Knop, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knop, last Saturday afternoon at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. Henry C. Gieschen officiated. ¶ The bride was attired in a floor-length gown of blush pink chantilly lace over taffeta, fashioned with a flared skirt and the fitted bodice styled with long tapered sleeves and a scoop neckline embroidered in jewels. Her ballerina-length veil of silk illusion was held in place by a clip of tulle leaves. She carried a cascade bouquet of pink and yellow roses, tied with lace ribbon. ¶ Bridal attendants were her sister, Mrs. Robert Stroschine, North Fond du Lac; Mrs. Vernon Olson, Rib Lake; her daughters, Darlene and Kathy Larsen, as junior bridesmaids, and Karen Olson, daughter of the Vernon Olsons, as flower girl. ¶ Mrs. Stroschine and Mrs. Olson wore floor-length frocks of net over taffeta in water rose shade. The hoop skirts were paneled with wide bands of lace, caught at the sides with bows, and the strapless tuck bodice of net covered by brief lace jacket with cap sleeves and Peter Pan collars.	Alfred, my step-uncle, was known and beloved by all as "Fritzie."	

10/15/1959 (cont)	People & Rusch (cont)	¶ ...Harold Schopper, Milwaukee, served as best man, with Vernon Olson and Robert Gilge, the groom's cousins, as groomsmen, and Albert Knop, Junction City, the groom's brother, and Robert Stroschine, North Fond du Lac, serving as ushers. ¶ Following the ceremony, a reception for 300 guests was held at Harper Lake Resort, and a 4:30 supper for the guests was served in the basement of the church. A wedding dance was held at Zondlo's in the evening, with music by the Moonlight Valley Playboys. ¶ After a trip through Northern Wisconsin and Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Knop will make their home in Rib Lake. The groom is employed at Hurd Millwork, Medford. ¶ Out-of-town friends and relatives attending the wedding were from Bayfield, Medford, Colby, Oshkosh, Dorchester, Fond du Lac, Los Angeles, California, Cornell, Wausau, Jackson, Milwaukee, Manitowoc, Schofield, Lake Geneva, Chicago, Norfolk, Virginia, Glencoe and Rochester, Minnesota."		
10/15/1959	Obituary & Rib Lake Herald	MRS. J.J. VOEMASTEK, WIDOW OF HERALD FOUNDER, DIES SUDDENLY "Mrs. John J. Voemastek, 87, widow of the founder of the Rib Lake Herald, died Wednesday morning at the Hilltop Rest Home, Burkhart, where she had made her residence the past few years. ¶ She had suffered a stroke in 1950, causing her to relinquish her own home, and had lived alternately with her son, Raymond, Rib Lake, and her daughter, Gladdie, Mrs. L.A. Hyrd, New Richmond, until deciding to reside at the Hilltop Home near New Richmond. ¶ Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. from the Church of Christ with the Rev. Gordon K. Welch officiating. Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery. The body will lie in state at the Taylor Funeral Home as of Friday afternoon. ¶ The former Emma Barrett was born Nov. 9, 1872, at Potsdam, New York, the daughter of John and Abby Barrett. She came to Wisconsin in 1873 by covered wagon with her mother and grandfather, her father having died. They encamped at Garden Valley, near Green Bay, while her grandfather, Levy Castle, and other members of the small wagon train, scouted for suitable homestead sites.	J.J. Voemastek of Bessemer, Michigan, founded the Rib Lake Herald in Dec. 1897, with Frank Hand. After buying out Hand, Voemastek ran the Herald until 1934. No copies of the Rib Lake Herald for 1897-1901 are presently known to exist; this sad fact accounts for the annotated chronology beginning coverage in 1902.	
10/15/1959 (cont)	Obituary & Rib Lake Herald (cont)	Her family finally settled in the Town of Mayville, Clark County, near what is now Abbotsford. Her mother then married Edwin March, and they made their home between Colby and Unity in the wilderness. ¶ As a youngster, Emma Barrett witnessed the building of the Wisconsin Central Railroad, now the Soo Line, being built past their homestead. In 1898, Emma Barrett came to Rib Lake to assist in running the Andrew Aitken boarding house, a 3-story building on the west lakeshore where the RLLC office later located, after the boarding house was destroyed by fire. ¶ She was married Jan. 6, 1900, to John J. Voemastek, then editor and publisher of the Rib Lake Herald, which he had helped found in 1897. Mrs. Voemastek was active in assisting her husband in the more firm establishment of the newspaper, and remained a "staff member" for at least 30 years, although busied by a host of social and service activities within the growing community.		
	Obituary & Rib Lake Herald (cont)	¶ She became a member of the Church of Christ in 1903, and was a Royal Neighbor and a Maccabee. In 1950, at the 10th District Convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs, held in Rib Lake, she was made an honorary member of the Twentieth Century Club for her long years of service. ¶ Mr. Voemastek preceded her in death in 1947, having relinquished predominant activity in the Herald to his son, Raymond, in 1934. A son and a daughter, Vernon and Elizabeth, also preceded her, dying in infancy. Mrs. Voemastek is survived by the son, Raymond, Rib Lake; the daughter, Mrs. Hyrd, New Richmond; two granddaughters, Luann, Mrs. Richard Jost of St. Louis, Missouri; and Miss Kay Hyrd of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and a great-granddaughter, Miss Mary Jost. Also surviving are a brother, James March, Climax, New York; and two sisters, Mrs. Eva Jensen, Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. Marion Davies of Hayward."		
10/22/1959	Obituary	MRS. GOLDER, 64, DIES SUDDENLY AT FARM RESIDENCE "Funeral services for Mrs. Julius Golder, 64, who died suddenly at her home, Route 1, last Saturday afternoon, are scheduled for today (Thursday) at 2:00 p.m. at the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. ¶ The Rev. Henry C. Gieschen is to officiate, and burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery. The body will lie in state at the Taylor Funeral Home until Thursday morning, when it will be transferred to the church. ¶ The former Alvina Vacknitz was born in Russia March 17, 1895, coming to this country in 1911, and settling in South Dakota. She was married to Julius Golder in 1914 at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rib Lake, and the couple made their home on a farm east of the Village..."		
10/22/1959	Physicians	DOCTOR BUYING HOME "Dr. Robert L. Pettera met last night with representatives of the Commercial Club to make arrangements to purchase the former Carl Radtke property, which he and his family have occupied since he started to practice in the Rib Lake Clinic building a year ago last August. ¶ The property was purchased in the name of the Commercial Club from funds from three sources - the Club itself, the Rib Lake Promotional Fund and by loans, ranging up to \$100 each, from a number of Rib Lake and area businessmen. It will be transferred to the doctor at its net cost, with the buyer receiving credit for all of the rental payments made during the period."	Dr. Pettera, M.D., was the newly-arrived physician, a product of a popular, nationwide publicity campaign to recruit a doctor for Rib Lake.	

10/22/1959	Railroads - Wis. Central	RAILROAD FEATHER-BEDDING: \$500 MILLION DOLLAR LOSS TO THE NATION - INCLUDING YOU - EVERY YEAR [Advertisement] "Feather-bedding on railroads - pay for work not done or not needed - is costing the American people a shocking total of more than \$500 million dollars a year. ¶ You pay for it every time you shop, because feather-bedding costs are hidden in the price of everything you buy. ¶ Obsolete union work rules, involving the railroad operating employees, are responsible for this gigantic burden. Right now, for instance, these rules require every diesel locomotive to carry a fireman, even though diesels have no fires to stoke, no boilers to tend. ¶ The forthcoming negotiations between the railroads and the unions are urgently important to the whole nation. ¶ In asking the unions to drop these feather-bedding rules, all the railroads ask for is a fair day's work for a fair day's pay. American Railroads."	Some states required diesel locomotives to be manned by both an engineer and a "fireman." The fireman was a hold-over from the steam locomotive era. The proponents of the fireman obligation claimed it was a safety issue - what if the engineer fell dead?	
10/29/1959	Spirit Lake	STATE COMMISSION TAKES TESTIMONY ON WATER LEVELS "Voluminous evidence on the water level of Spirit Lake was given to an examiner for the State Public Service Commission last Thursday at a public hearing held in the courthouse at Medford. ¶ The State Commission then called the hearing in response to widespread opposition to its previous order that the level of the lake should be restored to the 93.1 feet allowed by its original owner authorizing construction of a dam at the Spirit River outlet by the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association..."		
10/29/1959	People	ARTHUR E. TAYLOR NEW PRESIDENT OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS "A Rib Lake native, Arthur E. Taylor, Sr., now of Merrill, received top honors in his profession last week when he was advanced to the presidency of the National Funeral Directors Association at its annual convention in St. Louis, Missouri. ¶ Elmer Taylor of Rib Lake, Art's brother, and Mrs. Elmer Taylor, were among those attending the convention. ¶ The National Association, which Art now heads, has approximately 14,000 members in 48 states. He had served as First Vice President of the group for the past year, and previously had been Second Vice President, served two terms as secretary, and for three years on the Association's important exhibit committee...¶ Mr. Taylor was born May 23, 1903, in Rib Lake, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John A. Taylor. He attended grade and high schools here and then went to Merrill, where he attended the Commercial College, graduating in 1923. He was graduated from the Hohenshuh-Carpenter School of Embalming in 1925, and took a post-graduate course at the Cincinnati College of Embalming in 1932.	Note the purchase of Frank E. Poole Furniture and Undertaking firm of Rib Lake. In 19th century America, it was common for furniture makers to make caskets. They also had the horses and wagons to serve as a hearse. Frank E. Poole, in fact, also used his equipment and horses to run a dray line.	
10/29/1959 (cont)	People (cont)	¶ Art was associated with his father in the hardware business here and became interested in the funeral directing business when his father bought out the F.E. Poole furniture and undertaking firm and the Taylor sons helped in its operation. ¶ All of the John Taylor sons now are funeral directors in their own right - Art at Merrill, Everett at Wisconsin, and Elmer at Rib Lake....¶ He had an active interest in sports, having played basketball for the four years he was in high school, and played basketball and other sports after going to Merrill. He and Elmer own a tract of 1,520 acres in the Town of Corning in Lincoln County - the old lumber company cut-over land - and they maintain a hunting shack there. ¶ Art is also a talented musician and band director, having directed the high school band here for three years, organized and directed the Gleason State Graded School Band, and directed the high school band at Merrill to finish out a school year."		
10/29/1959	Westboro & Obituary	MANY AT LUNDEEN FUNERAL "Friends and relatives from the surrounding area and other communities attended the funeral for Mrs. Jacob W. Lundeen at Westboro last Friday afternoon. ¶ The pallbearers were Oluf Borgemoen, Arthur Engstrom, George Odau, Ben Peterson, Ted Peterson and Robert Scott..."		
10/29/1959	Library	GO EXPLORING! "Go exploring in books," the slogan for National Book Week for the youngsters, will be well observed at the Rib Lake Public Library, according to Mrs. Edwin Thums, Librarian. ¶ For this week, the library will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:30 until 4:30 to accommodate visitors who must catch the rural buses home. Group visiting from the schools has been arranged for each day. ¶ In the juvenile department, Mrs. Star Powers will be on hand to read poetry to the children. ¶ The theme of the 1959 week has been caught in the verse by Betty Miles: "Explore the world! Discover why. ¶ Planets whirl about the sky. ¶ Make new friends and meet new faces, ¶ read of far off, golden places. ¶ How people love, how fairies look - ¶ all the world is in a book!"	Mrs. Edwin Thums, nee Lillian Kurek, in 2008 is our oldest village resident at 93.	
10/29/1959	Health	COUNTY HOSPITAL FUND IS WELL OVER GOAL; PLEDGES \$285,000 "More than 200 volunteers cheered as \$285,580 total was piled up for the Memorial Hospital Taylor County building program at the 4th report meeting last Thursday night in the Medford High School cafeteria. ¶ The total is 114.2% of the \$250,000 minimum goal established for the fundraising campaign. ¶ Rib Lake residents pledged a total of \$2,573 in the drive, considerably more than the \$1,800 quota, which had been set for the Village. The sum report at the final meeting last Thursday night does not include any contribution which may have been made by Rib Lake employees of the Medford Millworking factory. ¶ Pledges from the Town of Rib Lake as reported last Thursday total \$915 and the Town of Westboro residents had contributed \$803 at the time...¶ The cost of the hospital, fully equipped, has been estimated at \$750,000. With the campaign a success, Hill-Burton backed federal funds in the approximate of \$300,000 will be available as an outright grant...."	The hospital in Medford remained independent until c. 1995, when it affiliated with Wausau hospital. A year later, both began using "Aspirus" as a corporate name. About 2000, it built the present Rib Lake Clinic, "Memorial Health Center - Rib Lake." At 1121 Hwy 102, it sits in the middle of the old RLLC dry yard, more specifically known as the hemlock yard.	

10/29/1959	Fire	NEW FIRE TRUCK DUE "The new fire truck, being purchased jointly by the Village of Rib Lake and the Towns of Rib Lake and Greenwood, is expected to be delivered formally to the Village on Friday. ¶ Fire Chief Ed Martin, Wessly Stiel, Village maintenance man, and Ray Becker, representing the village board, were in Hortonville on Tuesday to watch the final test of the pump and other equipment on the new vehicle...."		
11/5/1959	Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	PLAN TO RESTOCK LAKE WITH NORTHERN PIKE "A program looking toward the restocking of Rib Lake, principally with northern pike, was approved by members of the Fish & Game Association at their monthly meeting in the scout hut Monday evening. ¶ The program was suggested and outlined by Bob Bredemus, biology fieldman from the Spooner area headquarters of the State Conservation Department, and received the enthusiastic endorsement of about 2 dozen sportsmen who were present. ¶ Bredemus has said that northern pike seemed the proper fish for Rib Lake, in that it is a hearty species and will live in water which has a minimum of oxygen. It was lack of oxygen which has resulted in heavy recent kills of walleye, suckers and perch in the lake. ¶ Bredemus said the first step in the program would be to cut down on the present bullhead population, and this can be accomplished next spring by a cooperative program between the Conservation Dept and the Club.		
11/5/1959 (cont)	Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. (cont)	¶ The Dept. will supply its nets and other equipment, and possibly a supervisor, for a week or longer, and members of Club and interested citizens will be expected to do the manual work of lowering and raising them and disposing of the bullheads which are netted....¶ The Club discussed, and will study further, some improvement on the 3-mile stretch of Sheep Ranch Creek, north of the Village, for maintenance of trout. ¶ Another public bear feed is planned Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Lakeside, the Club already having an 87-pound bruin in the freezer to provide piece de resistance."		
11/12/1959	Hunting	DEER SEASON OPENS SATURDAY IN NORTHERN WISCONSIN ZONES "The deer season opens Saturday morning north of Highway 8, but for all practical purposes, it could be opening here, as everybody and his brother are planning to take in the early period, at least for the weekend. ¶ The early season, which opens at 6:18 a.m., will continue through Sunday, Nov. 29, at 4:24 p.m. ¶ The local season, south of Highway 8, will not open until the following Saturday, Nov. 21, at 6:27 a.m. and also will continue through Sunday, Nov. 29. ¶ Warden Ken Coyle says the actual starting and closing time for the daily shooting more or less coincides with daylight hours. In other words, if you don't shoot before it's light, and don't shoot after dark, you'll be well within the legal hunting hours. ¶ The legal kill is one spiked buck, with an antler at least 3 inches long, per hunter, per season. ¶ The party permit program will be in effect again, whereby any group of 4 or more hunters, with a legal permit costing \$5, may take a deer of any size or sex, presumably for "camp meat."	Note the changes to hunters' clothing. Red plaid shirts and pants were ubiquitous.	
11/12/1959 (cont)	Hunting (cont)	¶ Hunters this year won't necessarily be red coats, for a change in the state law requires that hunters wear either red, bright orange or bright yellow clothing...."		
11/19/1959	Hunting & Law	EIGHT FINED IN CASES INVOLVING TAGGING AFTER ROAD CHECK "Eight deer were confiscated and their owners penalized as a result of a routine check of hunters' cars made by Wardens Ken Coyle and Bill Barnes on Highway 102 south of Highway 86 early Sunday evening. ¶ The deer, though legal when shot, apparently were being transported out of Price County without being registered, whereas they should have been registered in the northern zone, Warden Coyle reported..."		
11/26/1959	Education & Schools	COUNTY COLLEGE IS READY FOR PUBLIC "Public officials and educational leaders in Northcentral Wisconsin will join next Sunday afternoon in dedication ceremonies of the new Taylor County Teacher's College at Medford. ¶ The formal ceremonies will be followed by an open house, at which the faculty and the laboratory school P.T.A. members will serve refreshments. ¶ George E. Watson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be the principal speaker and invitations have been extended to United States Senators William Proxmire and Alexander Wiley, Representatives Melvin Laird, Marshfield; and Alvin E. O'Conske, Mercer, and of various state senators and representatives...¶ In the receiving line will be members of the college board and of the building committee, which includes Fred Vlach, chairman of the Town of Rib Lake, as well as Millard Kapitz, Rib Lake Supervisor, who also is chairman of the county board.¶ A brief musical program will be presented by the college students, under the direction of Miss Mattie Casey. Vocal solos will be rendered by Phil Hokanson of Ogema, a former graduate and now a member of the Prentice School District faculty.	In 2008, the structure is occupied by Taylor County Human Services Agency, 540 E. College St., Medford.	

11/26/1959 (cont)	Education & Schools (cont)	¶ The public is invited to tour the \$250,000 spanking new, gleaming and beautifully decorated building, which is bringing changes to college life....¶ Setting for the new college is a spacious campus of 22 acres on the southern city limits of Medford. In keeping with the atmosphere of the northland, the college is encompassed by wooden landscape. ¶ The building, started in 1958, is completely equipped and up-to-date in every detail, and consists of a modern library, spacious classrooms, practice rooms, cafeteria, storerooms, office, typing room, work room and shower rooms, and a gymnasium/auditorium. ¶ President of the college is Eugene Laurent. The faculty also includes Miss Kate Mattie Casey, Miss Minnie D. Schueller, Harvey Walch, Mrs. Florence Doyle, and Mrs. Irene Becker. Roy Jensen is the custodian. Mrs. Louis Hessing is in charge of the cafeteria, and Ray Brunner is driver of the bus for students of grades 1-7 who attend the laboratory school."		
12/3/1959	Hunting	263 DEER ARE REGISTERED LOCALLY [photograph shows man displaying large buck] "Here is the grand-daddy buck of them all, as far as we can ascertain, who met his match in this area during the recent unpleasantness. ¶ He is "old George," a 194-pound, 17 point critter, with a 23-3/4" mount of horn, and with no longer the mean disposition which he must have had from living so long. ¶ He was shot by Eugene Leonard, also shown in the photo, who comes from Silver Lake, Wisconsin, and who is Frank (George) Yanko's brother-in-law. The beast was winged near Yanko's camp about 10 miles east of the village in the old lumber company territory, but still in Taylor County. ¶ "Old George" looked much larger than he actually was, due to the tremendous spread of his rack. Some experts estimate his weight at up to 240 pounds, but Cliffy Waldhart hit it pretty close with a guess of 198 pounds, and thereby profited slightly from those who chose to back their estimates with small amounts of cash."		
12/17/1959	Harper Lake	STATE REPORTS ON PLANS FOR NEARBY LAKES AND RIVERS "Surveys of lakes and streams, stocking of fish and other fish conservation programs, were discussed at the area fish management meeting at Medford recently. The meeting, attended by about 25 sportsmen, including several from Rib Lake and Westboro, was one of 25 state meetings arranged by the Wisconsin Conservation Department. ¶ Bob Bredemus, Spooner, Conservation Dept. biologist, conducted the meeting, and John Klingbeil, biologist, and Warden Ken Coyle of Taylor County, contributed to the discussion. ¶ Outlined were 9 surveys and projects carried out in Taylor County the past year. Briefly outlined they are: ¶ South Harper - a survey revealed slow-growing panfish and bass and a proposal that an experiment can be conducted next year by introducing a large number of walleyes to evaluate effects on panfish - perhaps as many walleyes as 100 per acre.	Rib Lake has unique watersheds. While all of our surface water eventually enters the Mississippi River, it gets there by three different river systems: the Black, Chippewa and Wisconsin. Consider James Lake, it flows into the Wisconsin River by way of Sheep Ranch Creek and the Rib River. Just a mile away, the Harper Lakes empty into Silver Creek - part of the Flambeau-Chippewa River system.	
12/17/1959 (cont)	Harper Lake (cont)	¶ North Harper - the survey there revealed a balance of game and panfish, Bredemus stating that walleyes are controlling the panfish; there is a fair population of muskies, bass, bluegills and pumpkin seeds, stocking not recommended. ¶ Spirit Lake - surveys showed muskies and other fish growing normally with a good balance. ¶ Wood Creek - a survey of trout showed good population of browns and brooks in August of this year..."	Three miles to the southwest is Black Lake, headwaters of the Black River, which empties into the Mississippi at LaCrosse.	
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1/7/1960	Entertainment & Businesses	SKI CENTER WILL OPEN "Ski Trail, Inc., an establishment 3-1/2 miles east of Westboro, will be opened to the public for the first time this Saturday and Sunday afternoon, and will continue to be open on weekends during the winter. ¶ The establishment, located on the former Toiva Annala farm, is owned by Dr. Walther Meyer of Medford, who has converted the former farmhouse into a lodge. There will be dressing and restroom accommodations in the basement, and a snack bar will be operated on the first floor by the Peanuts Olsons. Two ski tows will be in operation."	For more than three decades, Dr. Meyer's ski center flourished. He constructed an extensive and beautifully groomed system of cross-country ski trails, which took the place of downhill skiing. ¶ About 1985, the management of the operation was taken over by his son and daughter-in-law, Walther and Laurie Meyer. About the same time, the facility was opened for summer use under the name of Trail Farms. About 2005, the land was closed to the public, although the Meyer family owns the beautiful tract as of this writing, 2008. ¶ Dr. Walther Meyer is well-known to Rib Lake residents. During his long and successful medical career, he delivered over 6,000 babies.	

1/7/1960	Ole A. Peterson & Businesses & Rib Lake Wood Products Co.	OLE PETERSONS MARRIED 50 YEARS "Mr. and Mrs. Ole Peterson, former Rib Lake residents, enjoyed the company of their six children and 20 grandchildren when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 27, at their home in Phillips. ¶ The children standing [photograph displayed], are, left to right - Orville of Phillips; Ruby, Mrs. Neal Noland, Phillips; Emily, Mrs. Walter Johnson, Phillips; John, Park Falls; Ruth, Mrs. Richard Shackelford, Madison; and Wiley of Phillips. ¶ The suit which Mr. Peterson wore for the occasion was the same suit he wore when he and Miss Jennie Sophia were married Dec. 29, 1909, at Maple Valley in Oconto County. ¶ Mr. Peterson was working in the woods near Spirit Lake, and Miss Sophia, who is the daughter of friends of Mr. Peterson's parents in Sweden, came to visit him. After their marriage, they lived for 10 years on a farm near Spirit Lake, then came to Rib Lake, where they operated a store (now Heindl's) and a sawmill. Later, they returned to the farm and in the meantime he was instrumental in establishing the "Fuzz Mill," which later became the Wisconsin Wood Products Company, and was moved to Phillips in the early 30's.	Ole was clearly one of the dominant businessmen of Rib Lake history. To scan through his achievements, search out Ole A. Peterson in the Annotated Chronology of the Rib Lake Herald. ¶ The reference to Heindl's store is to Jerry Heindl's Clover Farm Store, then located on the SE corner of Church and State Road.	
1/7/1960 (cont)	Ole A. Peterson & Businesses & Rib Lake Wood Products Co. (cont)	¶ Then in 1934, he took over, by monthly payments, the former Kneeland-McLurg sawmill at Phillips. ¶ Those early years were not easy ones, and on several occasions the lumber operations were stopped because there was no money to carry on. After the mill got on its feet in 1938, operations continued in fine order and through the more than 20 years, the output of the mill has run close to 80,000 board feet. Sawing operations each year are of 5 million or more board feet. ¶ Among those attending the open house are Mrs. Martin Carlson, Carl E. Carlson, Albert Goodman, and Fred Currans, all of Rib Lake; and Clifford Currans, Whittlesey; and many other old friends from Spirit Lake, Spirit and Ogema areas."		
1/7/1960	Businesses & Agriculture	ARMOUR NOW OWNS RIB LAKE DAIRY PLANT "Active management of the Rib Lake Dairy and Rib Lake Cheese Company was assumed by the Armour and Company, one of the nation's largest meat and food producers, as of Dec. 31. Local employees have been notified. ¶ The change in ownership is not expected to result in any changes in the cheese-wrapping operations by the cheese company division, or the local production of cheese by the dairy division. Armour has been affiliated with the C.J. Berst and Company of Portage, parent concern of the local operations, for the past five years, it was said, and some 75% of the wrapping operations had been cheese sold under the Armour name, principally with the nationally known "Miss Wisconsin" label. ¶ O.R. Thompson, original owner of the local plant, will remain in the Portage office of the company, Buck Jepsen, local superintendent of the wrapping operations, said that he attended an Armour personnel meeting on Sunday and was informed that the change in ownership will have no effect on the local situation.	The main plant of this company was in the southwest corner of Elm and State Road.	
1/7/1960 (cont)	Businesses & Agriculture (cont)	¶ Wages, working conditions, sick and vacation benefits, and seniority rights will not be disturbed, and any changes in method or scope of work will be minor, it was said. ¶ The cheese company's wrapping operation now employs about 72 women and three men, and it averages the wrapping of about 10 tons of cheese a day, which requires a constant shuttling of trucks back and forth between Rib Lake and the Portage warehouse. Tonnage varies somewhat according to the type of packages being worked on - when shredded or cubed cheese is being wrapped, the total output is necessarily smaller than when the larger, commercial types are being handled. ¶ Mr. Jepsen said that he was informed that the names "Rib Lake Cheese Company" and "Rib Lake Dairy" (which employs from 6-8 men in making cheese from locally-produced milk) will be retained, but that they will be divisions, or branches, of the larger Armour parent firm."		
1/7/1960	Wolves & Hunting & Environment	STATE IS BOUNTIFUL! "State bounty payments for predatory animals, dropped by the 1957 legislative, were restored recently when Governor Nelson signed the bill, effective Dec. 25. ¶ Assemblyman Andrew F. Wargo of Phillips, who represents Price and Taylor Counties, was active in the campaign to pass the bill. ¶ The State Conservation Department reported that hunters will not be paid for animals killed more than 5 days before the submission of a claim. There is a \$500 fine or a year in jail penalty for an attempt to collect a bounty by fraudulent means. ¶ All money for the bounty payments is taken from the State Conservation Dept. fund. The schedule of payments is \$20 for mature coyotes, \$10 for coyote cubs, \$5 for wildcats, \$2.50 for young wildcats, \$2.50 for mature foxes, and \$1 for fox kits. ¶ Taylor County, which formerly matched the state bounty payments, no longer makes bounty payments."		
1/14/1960	Fire & Forest, County	WILDERNESS FIRE TOWER IS BEING MOVED BY STATE "The Wilderness Fire Tower, operated for many years on the old lumber company property northeast of the village, is being dismantled by a ranger crew of the State Conservation Department, Erv Thorstensen of Medford reported late last week. ¶ The ranger reported that about 30 feet had been taken off the top of tower as of the end of the week, and that the dismantling may be concluded at the end of this week, if weather conditions are favorable. ¶ The tower is being re-erected at a higher and more advantageous location near CTH C about a mile south of its intersection with CTH M. It probably will be ready for use by spring. ¶ This is the second tower in this area to be re-located, the former Rindt tower, about 6-1/2 miles southwest of Westboro, having been moved last summer to a location nearer Westboro. ¶ The Rib Lake fire tower, on CTH C, about 2-1/2 miles south of CTH M, probably will be next to be razed and re-located."	The original site of the Wilderness Fire Tower was in the NE 1/4 - NE 1/4, Section 24, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. Several prior articles in the annotated chronology have covered its history. ¶ The site of the new Wilderness Fire Tower - discussed in this article - is in the NE 1/4 - SE 1/4, Section 36, Town 32 North, Range 2 East, Town of Greenwood; as of 2008, the tower still stands at that location.	

1/14/1960	Clubs/Orders & Agriculture & Spirit	FARM UNION TO MEET "Plans for the next regular meeting of the Spirit Local of the Farmers Union, to be held in the Spirit Town Hall next Tuesday evening, were made on Wednesday of last week by the action committee at a meeting at the home of Jean Borman, the president. ¶ A representative of the plywood union will be invited to speak and explain the common objectives of that union and farmers who rely on pulpwood sales for a part of their regular income. ¶ After the business session, the members will play volleyball in the hall, and lunch will be served in the basement. ¶ Plans also will be made for the county meeting on March 31, when the Spirit Local will be host to three other locals - Lone River, Kennan and Catawba, and Congressman Alvin E. O'Konski will be the speaker...."		
1/21/1960	Library	LIBRARY SEEKS MORE! "A request from the Rib Lake Library Board for an increase in its annual appropriation by the county board was referred to the finance committee, which will report at the November session, when next year's budget will be drafted at the winter meeting of the board at Medford on Tuesday. ¶ Principal Robert C. Becker forwarded a communication on behalf of the local board, pointing out that the Rib Lake and Westboro libraries receive \$250 annually from the county, Stetsonville \$300, Gilman \$400, and the Medford City library, \$650. ¶ He said it was the feeling of the local board that the Rib Lake library should receive a larger allotment, in view of the excellent service which it is rendering to the people of Rib Lake and surrounding areas."		
1/21/1960	Obituary	FRED LEHMAN, 92, A PIONEER RESIDENT OF AREA, BURIED MONDAY "Funeral services for Fred Lehman, 92, pioneer village resident, who died last Friday at the Golden Age Home, were held at the Methodist Church Monday afternoon. ¶ The Rev. Gordon K. Welch officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers were Henry Rosenfeldt, Louis Menning, Oscar Olson, Herman Monske, John Schreiner and George Seidl. ¶ Born Dec. 31, 1867, in Germany, Mr. Lehman came to this country in 1875. He was married to Mary Banks on April 5, 1890, at Montague, Michigan, the couple establishing their home in Rib Lake in 1891, when he became employed as an edger at the lumber mill. He retired a number of years ago and had lived at the Golden Age Home for the past 11 months. ¶ Surviving are two daughters, Lucille, Mrs. Southwell Rosenfeldt; and Myrtle, at home; a son, Earl, all of Rib Lake; 9 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. ¶ His wife preceded him in death in December of 1956. Also preceding him were four sons; Guy, Wilfred, Henry and Fred, Jr.; and one daughter, Mable. The sons, Guy and Wilfred, lost their lives during WWI, the local American Legion Post being named for them when it originated..."		
1/21/1960	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	GOLDEN AGE HOME PLANS FIRST ANNIVERSARY PARTY "Grand plans for the first anniversary party and open house are underway at the Golden Age Home to observe their opening date of January 28, 1959. ¶ This occasion will fall upon Thursday this year, and aside from a gala planned at the home site, there will be some extra-curricular activity included. ¶ We refer to the high school essay contest, and with a three-prize award offered. High school students have been invited by the owners to submit stories concerning "Our Grandma" or "Our Grandpa." Entries should be mailed to the Golden Age Home and received by next Monday, January 25. ¶ Entries will be judged on the basis of character 25%; manuscript 10%; rating of typing 20%; inspiration 15%, length 5%; description 10%; and appeal or emotion 5%. ¶ Prizes for the three best stories will be awarded formally late in the afternoon of the open house.	The building, in 2008, is an apartment building, and stands on the southwest corner of Pearl and Railroad Street. Its address is 801 Railroad Street and it is owned by Kevin Schmitt.	
1/21/1960 (cont)	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	¶ In celebration of the anniversary, the home management plans to send "treats" to students of the Clearview Grade School and the high school. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ford, the owners, and Miss Esther Ferguson, resident manager, will be on hand to greet old and new friends of the home, to show them the facilities and to assist in informal visits with the residents and members of the staff. ¶ There will be awards distributed each hour on the hour to visitors who register, and special children's awards will be distributed at 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. ¶ The home, located in the former Central Hotel building on Railroad Street, is filled to its capacity of 35 residents."		
1/21/1960	Obituary	MRS. FRANK FRANK BURIED SATURDAY "Services were held at the Taylor Funeral Home Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Albertina Frank, 87, a former resident of the community, who died on Tuesday of last week at Caledonia, near Milwaukee, where she had made her home with her son John and family. ¶ The Rev. Henry C. Gieschen officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ The former Albertina Guenzel was born in Austria on April 14, 1872, and came to the United States when she was 22 years old. The family settled on a farm near Kearney, Nebraska, where she was married to Frank Frank, and they lived at Aurora, Illinois, for a short time before coming to Rib Lake in 1895. ¶ They operated the farm southeast of the village now occupied by Fred Vlach, whose wife is one of the several granddaughters. Mr. Frank died in 1926, and Mrs. Frank moved to Caledonia in 1931.	The name, Frank Frank, is not a typographical error.	
1/21/1960 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Surviving are four sons; Ferdinand Frank, Rib Lake; John, Caledonia; and William and Fred, both of Milwaukee; two daughters, Margaret, Mrs. Mike Schwartz, Rib Lake; and Adelle, Mrs. Berton Lee, Cashton; 15 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren...¶ Pallbearers were former neighbors, Fred Radtke, Ray Radtke, Albert Schreiner, Joe Vlach, Erwin Krueger, and Walter Wilhelms."		

1/28/1960	Utilities	TOLL CALL BILLING SYSTEM CHANGED "The Rib Lake Telephone Company is inaugurating a new system for billing long-distance, or toll, calls, with the issuance of this month's statement this weekend, president John Eckhoff has announced. ¶ Under the new plan, the telephone subscriber will receive the original toll tickets on all long-distance calls placed on his phone, rather than itemized statements of the calls. ¶ These tickets show all the pertinent information, date and time of the call, to whom, length of the call, type of call, etc., and are filled in by the long-distance operators who place the call. ¶ Before distributing the original toll tickets along with the regular monthly statement, the company will photograph them on a micro-film, and the films will be available to be checked with the tickets, when any questions arise as to the toll calls...."	Note that all long-distance telephone calls had to be made by the operator!	
2/4/1960	Obituary	MRS. MARY MANNINEN "Funeral services for Mrs. Henry Manninen, 77, who died Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Toivo Annala, Harper Lake Road, are scheduled for tomorrow from the Taylor Funeral Home. ¶ The Rev. Waino Alili of Esko, Minnesota, will officiate, and burial will be in the Town of Hill Finnish Cemetery. ¶ Born in Finland July 14, 1882, the former Mary Watanen came to this country and was later married to Henry Manninen in 1909, at Hancock, Michigan. ¶ The couple moved in 1910 to occupy a farm property near James Lake, which was maintained as the "home place" until several years ago..."	The southwest corner of the Town of Hill, Price County, had, and has, a strong Finnish population. The "Town of Hill Finnish Cemetery: is now Leavitt Creek Cemetery, SW-NE, 32-T34N-R2E. A Finnish Lutheran Church, St. Mark's, stood on the west side of Suomi (Finland) Road. In 2008, an "Apostolic Lutheran Church" of Finnish origin exists in Ogema, as well as the First Lutheran Church. In 2008, the plat book shows lots of Nikkilas, Niemis, Maaltas, Arkolas, Pitkanens and Wiitalas. The book on Finns in Wisconsin, A Home in the Woods, has a chapter on this Price County community. ¶ The large Hill family in rural Westboro is of Finnish ancestry; their original Finnish name of Hieta Maki was anglicized to Hill.	
2/4/1960	War - Soldiers	DO-IT-YOURSELF SHELTER PROJECT - FOR FAMILY PROTECTION FROM RADIOACTIVE FALL-OUT [A sketch shows a family in a basement shelter made of bricks.] "Basement shelters generally are the least-expensive type that will give substantial protection for you. The basement shelter shown here can be built with solid concrete blocks as a do-it-yourself project for \$150-\$200. Standard 8" solid concrete blocks are recommended because hollow blocks would have to be filled with concrete to give effective protection. Bricks are an alternative. If they are used, the walls and roof should be 10" thick to give the same protection as 8" solid concrete blocks. Plans for this do-it-yourself project appear in "The Family Fall-Out Shelter" OCDM booklet, copies may be obtained from Box Home Shelter OCDM, Battle Creek, Michigan."	With the bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, the world was introduced to the horror of atomic bombs. In 1960, the hydrogen bomb had entered the arsenals of the Soviet Union and the United States. There was a strong fear in America of a Russian attack by long-range aircraft flying over the Arctic to drop nuclear weapons. Major American cities, like Milwaukee, were ringed with Nike anti-aircraft missiles.	
2/4/1960	Railroad - Wis. Central	PASSENGER TRAINS OFF! "Soo Line's overnight passenger trains between Minneapolis-St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, which goes through Prentice, will be discontinued the first week in March. The last train will leave Minneapolis on Friday, March 4, and will leave Sault Ste. Marie on Saturday, March 5. ¶ Authority to discontinue trains 7 and 8 was granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission last week. Operations through February will allow the post office department and the railway express agency to arrange substitute service."	This route was the very first in that railroad's system; its eastern terminus at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, gave rise to the term "Soo." ¶ At Prentice, the Soo Line was crossed by the Wisconsin Central Railway running north and south between Ashland and Medford and points south. In the 1880's, there was sufficient passenger service to merit a separate railway station for each railroad. About 1900, a logging railroad, constructed by the Jump River Lumber Company, ran southeast of Prentice, making Prentice quite a railroad center. In 2008, the successor to the Soo Line, the Canadian National Railroad, still operates freight-only service there.	
2/11/1960	Agriculture	MANY NEIGHBORS RECEIVE AWARDS AT FARM INSTITUTE "One of the best crowds in several years, estimated at about 200, attended the annual Farmers Institute at the high school last Thursday. ¶ The grand prize, a new Zenith oil heater, donated by Coast-to-Coast, went to Tom Rizzi, Route 1. ¶ Almost every business place in the community donated one or more attendance prizes, and among the happy folks who received them were Tom Polacek, Gerald Schneider, Ewald Graumann, Carl Schniedow, Mrs. Ann Pacourek, Ernest Budimlja, Mrs. Herbert Steinman, Stanley Hebda, Ernest Ziemke, Albert Yorde, Roy R. Meier, Henry Raddatz, Otto Pries, Mike Schwartz, Leonard Thums, Edward Bechlem, Werner Radtke, and Mrs. Joseph F. Kauer. ¶ Members of the Rib Lake Commercial Club served a complimentary hot-dish luncheon to the visitors at noon."	For decades, Rib Lake was host to an annual "Farm Institute."	

2/11/1960	Utilities	DOWN THE ROAD "The state committee on water pollution reported at Madison last week that 46 Wisconsin municipalities have not yet complied with orders to build adequate sewage treatment plants...The report stated that only 9 communities still are without treatment facilities of any kind. All have plans on the planning boards or in some stage of construction, however. These communities are Rib Lake, Forestville, Nichols, Blair, Mellen, Shiocton, Hudson, North Hudson, and Iola..."	As of 1960, Rib Lake had no sewerage plant.	
2/11/1960	Obituary	MARTIN CARLSON IS STRICKEN ON WAY TO AREA HOSPITAL "Services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. for Martin Carlson, 86, a resident of the community for nearly 40 years, who died early Tuesday morning in the ambulance en route to the Sacred Heart Hospital at Tomahawk. ¶ Mr. Carlson had sustained an attack before midnight but seemed to be rallying after the fire department's resuscitator was used at the home under the supervision of Dr. Robert L. Pettera. ¶ When he appeared to be improving, the Taylor ambulance was called to take him to the hospital, but he failed again and died before the trip was completed. ¶ The Rev. Henry Gieschen will preside at the service, and burial will be at the Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers will be John Freeck, Harold Zielke, Wessly Stiel, George Seidl, Louis Menning, and Henry Rosenfeldt. ¶ Mr. Carlson was born in Sweden on April 11, 1873, and was married to Magdna Byrston, in Stockholm in 1905. They came to this country in 1910 and settled on a farm west of the village on the Muddy Rib - Little Rib Lake Road. They specialized in growing strawberries for many years prior to his retirement in 1951, when they moved to the village...."		
2/11/1960	Rib Lake Herald	SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET "Regardless of the weather, and we slip this in as the winds are beginning to make the old building creak and groan and moan, this month of February presents many extra-nice days. ¶ This very weekend will break out Lincoln's birthday and Valentine's Day, both pretty grand affairs of the heart. ¶ Taking Lincoln first, and in order, most any American school child is on reciting terms with his Gettysburg Address. But how many of us, of any age, are familiar with the flawless gem of "The Bixby Letter," tucked away in the corner of the Lincoln treasure chest? Executive management, Washington, Nov. 21, 1894: to Mrs. Bixby, Boston, Massachusettes, Dear Madam: ¶ I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusettes that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of loss so overwhelming.	The editors of the Herald at this time, Lillian and Eugene Clifford, met the highest standards of journalism.	
2/11/1960 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald (cont)	¶ But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. ¶ I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and a solemn pride that must be yours at having laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom. ¶ Yours very sincerely and respectfully, A. Lincoln."		
2/18/1960	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	LANDMARK IS COMING DOWN SOON [Photograph of building on McComb Ave. - southwest corner of McComb and Landall.] "One of the landmarks in Rib Lake, the former "Ma" Dodge restaurant and rooming house building at the southwest corner of Main Street and Landall Avenue, is to be razed soon. ¶ Marvin Nelson, Medford, and his son, have applied to the village board for a permit to raze the building, and the village attorney is studying the laws to determine just what steps will have to be taken to protect the public during the razing period. ¶ Nelsons report they are raising the building for the salvage, having been granted the privilege by the Allen Tlustys, rural Medford. Mrs. Tlusty is the former Dorothy Dodge. ¶ The two-story building is one of the older structures on Main Street [McComb Ave.] and has been vacant since Mrs. Dodge's death several years ago. She had operated a restaurant, "The Cozy Corner Cafe," on the main floor for a number of years and a rooming house on the second floor. Prior to that time, the structure had housed several taverns and stores on different occasions, with the upstairs rooms generally being rented out.	Former Wisconsin Chief Forester Milton E. Reinke, frequented the Ma Dodge's Café and rooming house when he was stationed in Rib Lake in 1949. I intend to use his well-written comments about the place in the book I am writing "A Diamond in the Rough: A History of Rib Lake by One Who Loves Her." Reinke's 9-page biography, including his stories of staying and eating at Ma Dodge's, is Document #12355.	
2/18/1960 (cont)	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	¶ Some of the equipment was sold after Mrs. Dodge's death, but the old wood stove, which was her pride, and the coal-burning hot water system, is still in the structure. The Olsons expected to start work this week, or as soon as the board instructs them as to safety precautions, which will be required, and the conditions under which they must leave the lot when the work is completed."		
2/18/1960	War - Soldiers & Schools	SCHOOL GETS MATERIALS "The Rib Lake High School requested and has received a radiological kit from the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization. Shipment of the kits was carried out by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization on the basis of geographical location and was worked through the State Civil Defense office and the State Department of Public Instruction. ¶ The kit, which contains many instruments, such as geiger counters, and desimeters, will enable the high school to incorporate radiological defense education into its science curriculum. The instruments will also be located at the high school in the event they ever have to be used to measure "fall-out" contamination in an emergency. The kits remain the property of the federal government and are loaned to schools for as long a time as they are practically used. ¶ As the local science program at the high school will soon get a complete physical face-lifting, this kit will be another aid in keeping up-to-date with science."		

2/18/1960	Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	FISHING CONTEST IS CALLED BEST EVER, IN SPITE OF NO FISH "With a profit of more than \$243 indicated after a preliminary check of receipts and bills, officers of the Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. reported one of the most successful events in the near decade during which the ice fishing has been in operation. ¶ One of the largest crowds yet jammed into the Lakeside on Sunday, after preliminary activities on the ice failed to yield any fish. Ticket sales amounted to nearly \$450. ¶ The hungry crowd consumed about 60 gallons of chili, which was served without cost to ticket-holders. ¶ Mrs. Ruth Sunderlin won the major award-an outboard motor; Joe Judnic, Route 1, won the second award-a .22 caliber rifle; and Ernest Ziemke won the third-a hunting bowl...¶ Joe Lily won a prize for being the oldest fisherman on hand, and Jimmy Yanko was the youngest. Harry Skojquist, Anoka, Minn., won a prize for coming the greatest distance. ¶ Cribbage winners were Joe Lily & Leo Thlusty, while sheephead prizes went to Gottlieb Peche, Andrew Zondlo, Emma Olson, Janet Cihasky, Gregory Thums, Henry Gebauer, Mike Schwartz, Albert Schreiner, Henry Rosenfeldt, Sonny Gerstberger, & Joe Pertmer."		
2/25/1960	Spirit Lake & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. & Law	SPIRIT LAKE LEVEL MUST BE LOWERED, STATE SAYS AGAIN "The Rib Lake Fish & Game Association has been ordered by the State Public Service Commission to alter the Spirit Lake Dam in order to reduce the water level to the originally-prescribed 93.1 foot level. ¶ The state's most recent order, dated Feb. 22, warns the Association to completely remove the spillway section of the dam within 30 days, or to give formal notice to the Commission that it will be removed by May 1, 1960. ¶ Otherwise, the order says, "The matter will be submitted for enforcement to the Government as a violation of the law as provided in Sec. 30.03 statutes." ¶ It points out the Association, by petition, requested a determination of minimum and maximum levels, by appearances by Attorney Clifford L. Curran of Medford, representing the Association; and, in opposition, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Fjeldheim and Cy Claussen, both of Rural 1, and Emil Schneider, Medford....It cites the original permit issued to the Association on Oct. 20, 1948, authorized construction of the dam on the Spirit River outlet to raise and hold a normal pool level of 93.1 feet on Big Spirit Lake. The spillway, as constructed, did not have abutment walls,	The landowners on the lake complaining about the higher water levels were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Fjeldheim were the owners and operators of the Sunny Hill Resort on Little Spirit Lake just to the west of the dam; Cy Claussen, Taylor County Surveyor, had a lake home on the south end of Big Spirit Lake. ¶ The Public Service Commission found that on Aug. 18, 1958, at a time when you would expect low water levels, the water level was over 2 feet higher than its prescribed level.	
2/25/1960 (cont)	Spirit Lake & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. & Law (cont)	and the runoff from the spring of 1951 washed out the right dike. ¶ In 1957, the order says, the Association capped the spillway to have a triangular overflow section 22 feet in width with center of notch raised 1 inch and with bulkheads on either side of the section raised up to 12 inches. ¶ "The purpose of the cap apparently was to concentrate flow to protect the embankments on the sides and to provide passageway for fish," it says. ¶ It points that the state inspection revealed a level of 93.15 feet on July 9, 1951, before the capping was applied, and a level of 93.77 feet on August 18, 1958, after the capping - a higher relative flow. ¶ "The triangular spillway as it exists will pass about 21 cubic feet a second, with pool at elevation 93.95 feet. The same amount of flow would cause a pool level of 93.39 feet on the spillway as it was before capping. The raised pool level would be some 6 inches." ¶ "The spillway as capped will raise pool levels but little at very low flows, and substantially at increased flow."	¶ In 2008, a major effort is being made by the Spirit Lake Improvement Association to dredge the channel between Little and Big Spirit Lake.	
2/25/1960 (cont)	Spirit Lake & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. & Law (cont)	¶ "The application herein is for the establishment of minimum and maximum pool levels. It is not necessary to establish a minimum level, because the outlet section of the dam is an overflow spillway, and the establishment of a maximum level would not be useful unless the outlet section was equipped with gates to offer such control. ¶ "The authorized outlet section restored by removal of the cap, will operate to hold levels which have been agreed to by owners on Big Spirit Lake, and will be consistent with the public interest."		
3/3/1960	Obituary	WILLIAM C. FUNK FUNERAL SERVICES SET FOR APPLETON "Funeral services will be held in Appleton today for William C. Funk, 87, a resident of Rib Lake for about 40 years...¶ Mr. and Mrs. Funk left Rib Lake late in 1956. While here, they occupied the family home overlooking the lake, now occupied by Dr. D.D. Powers' family. He was employed by the RLLC, as a machinist, for many years, retiring in the mid-40's....¶ Surviving are 5 sons and their families; Melvin, Wausau; Norbert, Kenosha; Clarence, Crivitz; Elvis, Appleton; and Gordon, Hammond, Indiana."	The Funk/Powers house still stands in 2008, on the northwest corner of Church and Third Street. Its address is 1104 Church Street.	
3/10/1960	Forest/Wood	THREE LUGS AND THREE LOGS [Photo of three huge logs and three loggers displayed.] "One of the largest elm trees cut in this area in many years, was displayed last week by the logging crew composed of, left to right, George Hyppa, Steve Olah, and Peanuts Olson. ¶ The prize log was one of the stand on the Hyppa farm, north and west of James Lake, which the three are cutting. ¶ The largest log measured 45" in diameter at the widest point, a measurement attested to by The Editor, who used his own handy pocket tape-line. ¶ It was the largest log the crew ever sawed - likewise, the largest log The Editor had ever seen."	Vernon Olson was known to everyone by his nickname, "Peanuts." ¶ About 1970 the Dutch Elm disease reached Rib Lake and destroyed all of our large, beautiful elm. While elm trees still reproduce in Rib Lake in 2008, they never reach maturity because of the presence of the disease.	

3/17/1960	Law & Environment	SUPREME COURT IN DECISION ON DAM "The Wisconsin State Supreme Court last week reversed the decision of Circuit Court Judge Gerald J. Bolieau that the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company of Wausau has the right to acquire state-owned land for construction of a reservoir. ¶ The improvement company, with offices in Wausau, operates a system of reservoirs on the Wisconsin River and its tributaries for stream-flow regulation and flood control.. ¶ [The case] arose from an application filed by the WVIC in December of 1957, with the Public Service Commission, for a permit to build a dam and create a reservoir on the New Wood River in Lincoln County, in the former RLLC cut-over land east of Rib Lake."	This decision ended the plans to dam the New Wood River and create a flowage approximately 10 miles east of Rib Lake. In 2008, the land in question is the New Wood wildlife area, a state public hunting and fishing grounds. ¶ The article went on to quote M.S. Stone, President of the improvement association: "This is the first time in over 50 years of reservoir expansion that we have become involved in a controversy with the Conservation Department over lands needed to utilize fully our state's greatest natural resource - water.
3/17/1960 (cont)	Law & Environment (cont)		¶ "Since its inception in 1907, the benefits of this self-supporting river control system have contributed to the development of the Wisconsin River Valley. In these days of nationwide concern over our water supplies, it is even more important to prepare for the future. ¶ The improvement company has developed plans over many years to build additional reservoirs on five tributaries in and around Lincoln County. ¶ These streams enter Wisconsin from the west and are subject to flash-flows, which create an unbalanced discharge condition along the main river. Reservoir control on these streams would further reduce flooding, provide recreational areas, and increase the usefulness of existing hydro-plants downstream." ¶ By 1960, the days of damming Wisconsin rivers for industries had passed; none of the projected new dams, on tributaries of the Wisconsin River, were ever built. ¶ The Supreme court held that the WVIC did not have the authority to acquire state-owned land by eminent domain, i.e., the power of condemnation.
3/24/1960	Obituary	FINAL SERVICES FOR ERNST GERSTBERGER ARE SET FOR TODAY "Funeral services for Ernst Gerstberger, 83, pioneer resident of rural Rib Lake, were scheduled for Thursday (today), at 2:00 p.m. at the Taylor Funeral Home. ¶ The Rev. Gordon K. Welch was to officiate, with burial in Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers chosen were Conrad and Ernest Hein, Charles Kalk, Ed Lamont, Albert Yorde, and Julius Gilge. ¶ Mr. Gerstberger was found by his family on Monday morning about 8:30 outside the door of his barn. A 30-30 rifle, which he had been carrying, had discharged, causing his death. Dr. Bob Pettera was called, and later Coroner Frank Perkins pronounced it a case of having taken his own life. ¶ Born in Germany August 13, 1876, Mr. Gerstberger came to this country with his parents in 1883, the family homesteading one of the first farms in this area, when then a wilderness area. The property, east of the village, off of Highway C, towards the Fawn Valley School, is well-known for its stand of virgin timber. ¶ He was married on July 11, 1907, to Gertrude Throne, also of an early Rib Lake family, the couple making their home on the Gerstberger home place.	<u>Because of the selfless and far-sighted decision of Ernst Gerstberger, a magnificent stand of virgin timber still stands on his former farm; it is within the SE 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 31, Town 33 North, Range 3 East - along Turba Avenue south of Fawn Avenue. ¶ About 1980, the then-owners of this tract of land approached Herbert Bergmann of Goodrich to log the stand; after inspecting the stand, Bergmann concluded it would be a shame to cut it. He headed a successful effort to have Taylor County acquire and protect</u>
3/24/1960 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ He is survived by six daughters, Esther, Mrs. William Kluckman, and Marcella, Mrs. Sam Daubert, both of Merrill; Emma, Mrs. Phillip Ziembo; Edna, Mrs. Julius Rezurek; Alice, Mrs. Tony Ziembo, Jr., and Betty, Mrs. Tony Quednow, all of Rib Lake; four sons, Arthur, Milwaukee; Otto, Elmer and Glendon of Rib Lake... ¶ Preceding him in death were his parents, the Edward Gerstbergers, and two children, Paul and Ella, and two sisters, Emma, Mrs. Charles Krueger, and Hermina, Mrs. Elmer Timm."	the stand. In 2008, a beautiful walking trail loops through the area with signs interpreting the special site. ¶ For further information regarding Ernst Gerstberger, consult the autobiography of Milton E. Reinke, found in the CDs of Rib Lake History, Documents and Photos, available at the Rib Lake Public Library. It is Document #12355.

3/31/1960	Obituary	DEATH CALLS MRS. ROSE ZONDLO, 88 "Mrs. Rose Zondlo, 88, a resident of rural Rib Lake for more than 45 years, died Wednesday at the home of her son, Frank, after a long illness. ¶ Funeral services will be held at 9:00 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert Stock officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery. The Rosary will be said at the Taylor Funeral Home Friday evening at 8:45. ¶ The former Rose Wazajac was born in Poland Feb. 16, 1872, and was married to Frank Zondlo there in 1894. They came to the United States in 1904, settling in Minneapolis, before coming to Rib Lake in 1914, where they had a farm at the intersection of Highway 102 and C, across from the Rib Lake Town Hall, now the site of the Zondlo Ballroom. Mr. Zondlo died in 1934. ¶ Surviving are three daughters; Mary, Mrs. Joseph Maslonka, Rib Lake; Ann, Mrs. Erwin Kruger, Rib Lake; Ella, Mrs. Hayward Garlow, Big Bear Lake, California; and three sons, Andrew, George and Frank, all of Rib Lake; 27 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, three sisters, a brother, two sons and two daughters."		
3/31/1960	Obituary	ED LAMONT STRICKEN "Edward L. Lamont, 72, widely known farmer and cattle dealer, died suddenly at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Hospital at Tomahawk, where he had gone in the morning for a checkup for what appeared to be a respiratory ailment. ¶ He apparently had been in good health until the sudden attack. He was a former chairman in the Town of Rib Lake, and was a member of the county school committee at the time of his death. ¶ A son, Howard, who operates the farm home east of the village, is the immediate survivor."	The Lamont home was located in the SE 1/4 - NE 1/4, Town 33 North, Range 3 East.	
3/31/1960	Politics	KENNEDY CITES LABOR, MANAGEMENT, RACKETS "Robert F. Kennedy, former chief counsel for US Senate Rackets Committee, visited Rib Lake Wednesday afternoon, stopping off for a friendly visit in the course of his campaigning on behalf of the candidacy of his brother, Senator Jack Kennedy, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for president of the United States. ¶ The young attorney arrived in the village about 3:00 p.m., a half-hour behind schedule, briefly met a few citizens who had gathered in front of the Herald, and then was whisked away to the high school, where he addressed the student body on the recent activities of the senate committee. ¶ His addresses here and at Westboro High School were non-political - instead, he outlined the committee's investigations, pointing out that the racketeering uncovered involved not only labor union leaders, but many industrial firms and attorneys as well. ¶ He had been in Merrill at noon previously and spoke at the Medford Municipal auditorium before arriving in Rib Lake..."	At that time, Senator John F. Kennedy was battling for the Democratic nomination against Minnesota Senator Hubert H. Humphrey. The Republican candidate, Richard M. Nixon, was unopposed in the primary. JFK went on to win. ¶ During the course of the candidacy, JFK visited Wisconsin, including Mellen. He saw the black granite that was quarried there and made the off-hand comment that, at his death, he would like his grave to use that granite. Following his assassination, his request was honored. JFK's grave at Arlington National Cemetery features Mellen black granite.	
3/31/1960	Rib Lake Herald	THE VERY LATEST NEW LOOK [A spoof photograph of a 3-story ultra-modern building among the actual buildings on McComb Ave.] "One of Rib Lake's newer sky-scrapers will be unveiled Friday of this week with ceremonies and refreshments for the public, courtesy of its owner, the Rib Lake Herald. ¶ The New Herald building, one of the last Frank Lloyd Wright designs bequeathed to prosperity, was contracted by the well-known firm of Merrill-Lynch-Pierce-Feinner-Bean and Smith. Materials, such as lannon stone, mahogany paneling (throughout the five split-level edifice), hydronic heating, air conditioning, etc., were naturally obtained via our own Stewart Lumber and Fuel Company. ¶ "Employing the media of stone and glass outside, with a painstaking attention to decor (carpeting throughout, nature fireplaces, ceramic tile, power rooms, sunken machinery, etc.), we feel we have reached the epitome of the gracious dramatic, plus functional, utilitarianism," said Mr. Bean, when recently interviewed by feature writers for Fortune and Engineering Age magazines.	Quite a spoof.	
3/31/1960 (cont)	Rib Lake Herald (cont)	¶ Featured in the swank lobby of the sky-scraper is a self-service dairy bar for paying subscribers who drop by. The rural folks are going to love old Daisy, our receptionist. True, some villagers may not avail themselves at first. ¶ Also in the lobby is a coin-operated service elevator, which, for a modest sum, will whisk passengers to the penthouse and sundeck roof for - who cares? Just deposit coin. ¶ A formal banquet will be held in the evening for friends of the Herald. Even after erecting a new plant, this can be afforded."		
3/31/1960	Spirit Lake & Law	SPIRIT LAKE FISH ARE FOUND TO BE COSTLY "Two fish-hungry Athens residents got what they wanted at Spirit Lake Saturday night but hadn't figured on paying such a fancy price. ¶ Sixteen fish cost them a total of \$419, or they can work it out in the county jail for 60 days. ¶ The lake-food connoisseurs were Frank and Clarence Schreiner, both of rural Athens, who were fined \$100 and costs each on two charges - possessing muskies in the closed season and possessing black bass, likewise. ¶ They were arraigned before Justice Frank Yanko on Monday morning and pled guilty. Warden Ken Coyle, who made the arrests, said the men had 11 muskies, 4 black bass and a walleyed pike, which they had removed from the open water at a spring-hole near the west shore of Big Spirit Lake, near the Taylor-Price County line Saturday night. ¶ ...The open spring-hole had been under the surveillance by the warden for some time, as it always has been a good spot for picking up fish in the late winter and early spring. One of the defendants was seen by the warden standing in water up to his armpits, removing fish, before the arrests were made."		

3/31/1960	Businesses	NOTICE OF PUBLIC LAND SALE "Take notice, that Taylor County will offer for sale on April 1, 1960, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the forenoon of said day, in the agriculture room of the courthouse, the following described parcel of county-owned real estate, to wit: the former Jake Janda property, building and land, Lot 8, Block B, McComb's Racing Park Addition, Village of Rib Lake, appraisal price, \$1,500. ¶ This description will not be sold for less than the appraised valuation as shown above, plus \$1.50 recording fee. Terms - cash. Harold O. Ruesch, county clerk."	I take it that Jake Janda must have received old-age assistance from Taylor County. At that time, the county routinely took a lien against the real estate of old-age assistance recipients. Upon the recipient's death, the county foreclosed its lien and became owner of the real estate.	
4/7/1960	Spirit Lake & Law & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	TOWN OF SPIRIT WILL TAKE OVER DISPUTED DAM "Ownership of the dam on the Spirit River outlet to the Spirit Lakes will be transferred to the Town of Spirit in Price County by the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association, as a result of affirmative action taken by voters at the annual town meeting Tuesday afternoon. ¶ After a spirited discussion, in which the town's attorneys, who objected to the proposal, were countered by vocal arguments by Ed Thums, representing the Club, the vote showed a 64-19 score for the action. ¶ Although no formal agreement has been made, it is understood that ownership of the dam by the Town will enable it to maintain the dam in its present condition, and thus maintain the present water level. ¶ The Club, which built the dam about 10 years ago, has been charged by the State Public Service Commission with making an addition to the dam, resulting in a water level higher than that originally authorized by the state.	This is the latest chapter in a long saga. Earlier editions of the Herald covered the fact that the Public Service Commission had ordered the Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. to lower the water level behind the dam.	
4/7/1960 (cont)	Spirit Lake & Law & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. (cont)	¶ The Club hasn't denied the charge, but it is claimed, in a recent public hearing and elsewhere, that the lake has been greatly improved by the higher water, that fishing has been better, and that the great majority of property-owners there, and sportsmen in general, favor the higher level. Only two property owners and one other citizen appeared at the latest state hearing to protest the status quo. ¶ The fish and game officials and leaders are happy that the situation is solved and unofficially promised the Spirit Town Board their financial, as well as moral, support in maintaining the present level of the lakes. ¶ That appears to be about all that can be said definitely at this writing."		
4/7/1960	Fire	ALL COUNTY AREA UNDER STATE FIRE PROTECTION SETUP "Taylor County is now entirely under intensive forest protection, which means that it will be necessary to get a burning permit for any type of burning outside of an incorporated village or city, Ranger E.L. Thorstensen reports....¶ Emergency fire wardens in this area, from whom permits may be secured, are C.R. Claussen, Howard Lamont and Lavern Zuege, all of Route 1 for the Town of Rib Lake; George Terryberry, Whittlesey, and Frank Matyka, Route 1, Town of Greenwood; Henry Fisher and Norman Rhyner, Town of Westboro..."	Fire protection was the single biggest factor that allowed our deforested lands to naturally recover.	
4/14/1960	Obituary	FUNERAL SERVICES HELD TUESDAY FOR MRS. JOSEPH WUDI "Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Town of Greenwood, for Mrs. Joe Wudi, 75, who died Sunday at the Marshfield Hospital, where she had been for 8 days. ¶ Monsignor William Smits, Dean of St. Mary's Church, Tomahawk, was the mass celebrant, with Fr. Robert Stock, Rib Lake, and Fr. Vincent Nels, Chelsea-Whittlesey, serving as deacon and sub-deacon. Burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery at Greenwood. ¶ Pallbearers were six nephews, Ben and Tony Wudi, and Alfred, Edwin, George and Louis Thums. ¶ The former Clara Thums, daughter of Lawrence Thums, was born Aug. 22, 1884, in Greenwood. She was married to Joe Wudi on November 22, 1910.		
4/14/1960 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Survivors are a husband, five sons; Joe, Medford; Leonard, Cedarburg; Henry, Milwaukee; Carl, Greenwood; Leo, Milwaukee; five daughters; Rose, Mrs. Paul Avacic, and Gertrude, Mrs. Willard Bruss, both of Spencer; Agnes, Milwaukee; Catherine, Mrs. Arnold Gengler, Medford; and Clara, Mrs. Herman Steinman, Greenwood. Also surviving are four brothers; Lawrence, William, John and Leonard Thums, and two sisters, Elizabeth Thums, and Margaret, Mrs. George Haider, all of the Town of Greenwood."		
4/21/1960	Obituary	CARL ZIEMKE, 73, PIONEER RESIDENT, DIES ON TUESDAY "Carl Ziemke, 73, member of a pioneer rural Rib Lake family, died early Tuesday at the Golden Age Home, where he had lived for the past year. ¶ Definite funeral arrangements have not been made, pending the arrival of sons and daughters, but it is thought the service probably would be on Saturday at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Mr. Ziemke, who was nicknamed "Moses," was born in Germany on Oct. 29, 1886, the son of Albert and Wilhelmina Ziemke. The family came to the United States in 1893, and settled in the wilderness east of Rib Lake, on the site of the farm near Fawn Valley School, now operated by a nephew, Eddie Ziemke. ¶ Mr. Ziemke was married to Miss Laura Juse in August, 1911, and he farmed in the area until 1936, when he moved to the village and was employed by the Rib Lake Lumber Company. He retired when the company ceased operations in 1948. ¶ Mrs. Juse died in August 1921. After his retirement, he lived at the Central Hotel and resumed his residence there when it was converted into the nursing home...	The Ziemke farm included land on the southeast corner of Fawn and Peche Ave., SW-NW, 32-33N03E. The 2007 plat book shows its owner as Janice Walters and Dean Ziemke.	
4/21/1960 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Surviving are six daughters, Florence, Mrs. George Goetz, Neenah; Irene, Mrs. Fred Radtke, Rib Lake; Esther, Mrs. Robert Hengst, West Allis; Mable, Mrs. Edward Brehm, West Allis; Myrtle, Mrs. Fred Freiboth, Rib Lake; and Agnes, Mrs. Joseph Keyes, Chicago; a son, Charles Ziemke, Appleton; three brothers, Ernest and Otto, both of Rib Lake; and Albert Ziemke, Merrill; 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren..."		

4/28/1960	Obituary	FRANK PFEIFFER, A FORMER RESIDENT, DIES IN MICHIGAN "Funeral services were held at Pontiac, Michigan, last Saturday, for Frank Pfeiffer, 50, member of an early Rib Lake family, who died Wednesday of last week at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital after a long illness. He was a machine operator at the Pontiac Motors Division, and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church there, having left Rib Lake about 18 years ago. ¶ Mr. Pfeiffer was the son of Joseph and Anna Pfeiffer, who brought their family here from Hungary in 1904, and settled on the property northeast of the village, now occupied by the Wenzel Kopfhamer family...."	The former Pfeiffer farm, SE-SE, 23-33-2E, is, in 2008, titled in Ed Melaski.	
5/5/1960	Church - Lutheran - Zion & Spirit	SPIRIT GERMAN SETTLEMENT GOSSIP...TOO MUCH MUD, NO FUN IN SPIRIT "Mud! Mud! Mud! After one full week of it, isn't news anymore. A few more days without rain should change the picture. ¶ The Rev. H.C. Geischen, the Hoffman families, and Bob Andreae traveled to church by tractor and hay wagon on Sunday. Other church affairs have been postponed for the time being. ¶ Prom dates were exciting this year, with the girls having to walk or ride pick-up trucks to meet their dates...."	Going to church by tractor, that is dedication!	
5/12/1960	People & Rusch	KOMAREK-STROBACH "Miss Beverly Jean Komarek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Komarek, Ogema, was united in marriage with Lee Edward Strobach, son of Bernard Strobachs, Route 1, on April 30, in the rectory of St. John the Baptist Church. The Rev. Robert Stock officiated. The bride wore an aqua chiffon waltz-length gown with matching headpiece and veil, and her flowers were pink and white carnations and stephanotis. Her pearl necklace and earrings were a gift of the groom. ¶ Mrs. Bernard Sunderlin, sister of the groom, and William Kane, were attendants. ¶ An evening party and dance for 50 guests was held at the Pine Tree Pavilion. ¶ The groom is employed at the Standard Service Station in Rib Lake. ¶ Out-of-town guests were from Milwaukee, Wausau and Phillips."	This splendid couple are the paternal grandparents of my splendid Strobach grandchildren: Katherine Karen Josephine Grace (Katie) Strobach, DOB 11/13/1999; Rodney Ryan John (Ryan) Strobach, DOB 6/7/2001; and Rebekah Robin Gabrielle Susan (Bekah) Strobach, DOB 10/24/2003.	
5/12/1960	Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. & Spirit Lake	HERBERT MAGNUSON, NEW PRESIDENT OF R.L. FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION "Herbert Magnuson was elected president of the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association at the meeting held in the scout hall Monday night. Magnuson, who had served as vice president during the past year, succeeds Ted Dietzler, who was named vice president. ¶ Other officers were Rodney Warner, secretary; Duane Warner, treasurer; Frank Yanko, director for a 3-year term. Hold-over directors are John Schreiner and Edwin Thums. ¶ A communication from the State Public Service Commission, notifying the Club that its transfer of the Spirit Lake dam in the Town of Spirit has been approved, was received. ¶ Another communication from Herman Ernest, clerk of the Town of Spirit, outlined some of the steps the town board has planned to improve the dam. He said the town will seek property easements on both sides of the Spirit River up to the dam site, in order that maintenance can be facilitated, and that it hopes to maintain a reasonable water level and to establish a public boat landing near the dam...."		
5/12/1960	Roads	AREA HAS TERRIFIC MAY BLIZZARD; MUD STILL CHOKES RURAL ROADS "Rib Lake was snapping itself out on Wednesday from one of the worst May snowstorms in its long and troubled history. ¶ As of Wednesday noon, a warm sun had combined with fairly strong winds to rid the area of 10-12" snow, which fell over an approximately 36-hour period starting late last Friday afternoon. It was the heaviest snowfall of the year. ¶ But the rural highways continue to be in the worst shape in history - the snowstorm had made them less passable than they had been a week earlier, after continued heavy rain had broken the frost and brought out the mud..."		
5/19/1960	Spirit Lake & Environment	FLOATING ISLAND ON SPIRIT LAKE TORN TO PIECES "The floating island, which was raising the level of Spirit Lake, was successfully conquered by members of the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association in two work-bees - last Thursday and again Tuesday night of this week. ¶ Ted Dietzler, chairman of the project, reported that the entire mass, composed of a bog, alders, and other types of vegetation, has been torn apart, and most of the pieces floated over the dam and on down the Spirit River. A few chunks remained on the nearby shores. ¶ More than 20 sportsmen were on hand for the first day last week, and were assisted in tearing the island apart by tractors donated by Allen Hanke and Herb Magnuson, and a large truck equipped with a winch, donated by Louis Heiser. Nearby resort owners loaned boats and helped on the project. ¶ The crew of about 12 completed the work Tuesday night. The nearby dam is owned by the Town of Spirit, which is making plans for further improvements, including a public boat landing."	A floating piece of muskeg broke off from a lakeshore swamp. It was a floating mass of vegetation. Wind eventually drove the island to the lake outlet.	
5/19/1960	Rib Lake - Village	POPULATION IS DOWN "Rib Lake, along with three other villages in Taylor County, suffered a loss of population between 1950 and 1960, preliminary reports from Ralph E. Kelley, District Census Supervisor at Superior, revealed. ¶ The current population of Rib Lake, according to the preliminary report, is 792, a drop of 61, as compared to the official 1950 population of 853."	The Village of Rib Lake was incorporated in 1902. The census at that time showed a population in excess of 1,046 - see Document #10941 for a list of everyone living inside the village boundaries on 4/19/1902.	

5/26/1960	Clubs/Orders	TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB MARKS 60TH BIRTHDAY "Members of one of the community's oldest organizations - the Twentieth Century Club - will observe the 60th birthday at a luncheon scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Saturday in the basement of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church... The Club was organized Jan. 20, 1899, when 8 women assembled in the parlor of Mrs. C.F. Bowman's hotel. A week later they invited 8 other women to join them, and the 16 formed the charter membership. None of them are still living. ¶ The charter members were Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. A.M. Fredricks, Mrs. J.M. Allard, Mrs. Walter McLaughlin, Mrs. A.M. Corbett, Mrs. Angus Kennedy, Mrs. T.R. Begley, Mrs. O. Lange, Mrs. William Pringle, Mrs. Mary Timme, Mrs. Addie MacLennan, Mrs. Anna H. Bushey, Mrs. Mary McManus, and Mrs. Myra Gardner, Bernice Andrews, and Jeanette Kennedy. ¶ Current officers are Mrs. Zintz, President; Mrs. Myron Hanson, Vice President; Mrs. John Freeck, Secretary; and Mrs. Joe Daniels, Treasurer."	You can access documents of the long and illustrious history of the Twentieth Century Club by consulting the CDs of Rib Lake History: Documents and Photos, available at the Rib Lake Public Library. The club disbanded in 2001.	
6/23/1960	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	ARMOUR WILL ABANDON CHEESE WRAPPING; RIB LAKE DAIRY SOLD "Lack of adequate local storage facilities, and excessive transportation costs, will result in abandonment of the large wrapping operation at the Rib Lake Cheese Company plant, not later than Sept. 1. ¶ This oft-circulated rumor was confirmed this week in a formal statement by Buck Jepsen, Manager of the Cheese Wrapping Dept., for the past 8 years, and by William Niggemann, who has purchased the real estate, and will continue the making of cheese under the name of Rib Lake Dairy. ¶ Niggemann will conduct a small wrapping operation, taking care of the cheese locally, and the output of two nearby factories - the Knox Mills factory near Brantwood, and the Schilling Cheese Plant at Abbotsford. ¶ The entire output of these three factories will continue to go to Armour and Company of Portage, where the once local wrapping operation will be shifted, in the interests of economy. ¶ Armour and Company purchased the local factory from C.J. Berst and Company, which had owned the Rib Lake Cheese Company and Dairy Plant for several years, in January of this year..."	Cheese wrapping provided more than 70 people with jobs. This plant closure was a major economic bombshell.	
6/23/1960 (cont)	Businesses & Rib Lake - Village	¶ Niggemann began operation of the cheese-making department on Tuesday of last week, having bought all of the local property from Armour on a 5-year purchase contract. He has been working there for the past 15-1/2 years, having been employed originally by O.R. Thompson, long-time owner of the factory, who is now living at Portage and is connected with Armour in a sales and promotion capacity. ¶ Niggemann's long experience was begun first as an ordinary laborer in the plant, then he became a licensed cheese-maker, and has been manager of the dairy plant manufacturing for the past 9 years. He reports that the dairy has a patron membership of 95 farmers, whose milk is brought in daily by three locally owned and operated trucks. The truckers are Elmer Thieme, Whittlesey; Stanley Kroll, Jr., and Norbert Schreiner, both of Rib Lake..."		
6/30/1960	Obituary	FERDINAND TLUSTY BURIED SATURDAY "Funeral services were held Saturday morning in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at Whittlesey for Ferdinand Tlusty, 81, a Town of Chelsea pioneer resident, who died last Wednesday at St. Joseph's Hospital at Marshfield. ¶ The Rev. Vincent Nels officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were 6 grandsons, Wayne, Roger, Jerome, James, Robert, and Leroy Tlusty. ¶ Mr. Tlusty was born at Westphal, Germany, on March 1, 1879, and came to the United States with his parents when he was 2 years of age. They resided in Illinois for 5 years, and when he was 7, the family settled on a farm in the Town of Chelsea, where he had since resided. He was engaged in woods work and farming in this area. At one time he served as assessor for the Town and was also on the school board in the Town of Chelsea. ¶ He was married to Teckla Reinhardt at the Catholic Church at Whittlesey on June 16, 1909. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last summer.	In 2008, his grandson, Wayne, is the village board president. Circuit Court Judge Jay Tlusty of Merrill is another grandson	
6/30/1960 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ He is survived by his wife and the following sons, George Tlusty, Rib Lake; Lawrence Tlusty and Walter Tlusty, both of Medford; Allen Tlusty, Chelsea; Richard Tlusty, Merrill; Leon Tlusty, Medford; Franklin Tlusty, Chelsea. Other survivors are 20 grandchildren. A son, Earnest, and an infant daughter, Loretta, preceded him in death."		
6/30/1960	RLLC	FOR SALE "A half-dozen lots on the old lumber mill property. Some facing the lake to the east - 500 feet on Highway 102 facing north. Priced for quick sale. See Fred Schwartzbrock, Village."	In 2008, each of these lots has been built upon. Marlin A. and Donna L. Walbeck home, 650 Mill Lane, occupies the site of the big sawmill; Estelle Hanke's house, 660 Mill Lane, stands on top of the old "fire hole," boiler site. Edward Zondlo's house, 700 Mill Lane, occupies what was once the eastern end of the planing mill; his lawn still contains a large concrete abutment, which served as the base for a huge planer.	
7/7/1960	Spirit Lake & Law	BOAT LAW ARRESTS! "Several fishermen were charged with violating the new boating laws after Warden Ken Coyle and several other wardens made a personal and air check of boats on Spirit Lake last week. A loudspeaker in the circling plane notified the fishermen that the check would be made. Among those fined \$10 and costs in the justice court at Medford on charges of failing to have a life preserver in their boats were Frank Hamm and Ewald Graumann, both of Chelsea."		

7/21/1960	Schools	OLD WARD SCHOOL "Razing of the old Ward School building was reaching the half-way mark as shown in the photograph taken last Saturday. Elmer Taylor and Ken Mannel, who bought the building and have a crew wrecking it for salvage, are finding some pretty fair lumber, and a variety, too."	An ad in the want-ads reads "For sale - wreckings from the old Ward School building: insulation, Johns-Mansville 45-50# bags, \$1.65; black boards \$2.50 and up; maple flooring \$68, excellent condition; 2 x 6, 2 x 8 and 2 x 10; also sheathing. Inquire Stewart Lumber and Fuel Company or Elmer Taylor - Ken Mannel." ¶ The old Ward School was a real landmark. The large wood-frame building stood on the north side of Church Street between Maple and Third. Between the turn of the century and 1960, it was the grade school for all village children, and for many from the surrounding countryside.	
7/21/1960	Rib Lake - Village & Utilities	MISS METZ MARRIED TO JOHN W. ECKHOFF "Miss Jean Barbara Metz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Metz, Medford, Route 1, became the bride of John William Eckhoff last Saturday evening in the parsonage of Medford Methodist Church. Rev. Gordon K. Welch performed the ceremony....Mr. and Mrs. Eckhoff are graduates of Rib Lake and Medford High School, respectively, and the bride a graduate of Taylor County Teacher's College. After a wedding trip to Canada, the couple will make their home in Rib Lake, where the groom is manager of the Rib Lake Telephone Company, and the bride teaches third grade in the Clearview School..."		
7/28/1960	Agriculture	DOWN THE ROAD "The 1959 census of agriculture, conducted in Taylor County last fall, counted 2,082 farms, according to a preliminary report just released by the Bureau of Census. ¶ Total land and farms were 355,636 acres. The average value of farms (land and buildings) in the county was \$10,684. ¶ Of the county's farm operators, 1,680 own their farms; 346 own part of the land and rented additional acreage, and 50 were tenant farmers. ¶ The average age of farm operators in the county was 48 years. There were 257 farm operators 65 or more years of age. Of the 2,082 farms in the county, 1,668 were commercial farms..."	The term "commercial farm" was not defined.	
7/28/1960	Health	X-RAY UNIT BUSY "The State Health Board mobile X-ray unit arrived in Rib Lake Tuesday and completed its first day of testing...¶ On Tuesday, about 75 persons were given the chest X-ray and simple hypertension and diabetes tests at Westboro; 92 took the tests and were X-rayed at the shoe factory in Rib Lake, and about 35 patients and employees were tested at the Golden Age Home."	The state mobile x-ray unit aimed at diagnosing tuberculosis.	
7/28/1960	Schools	MEIER-THUMS, RETAIN JOBS ON SCHOOL BOARD "Carl Meier of Spirit, and George Thums, Rib Lake, were re-elected to the Board of Education of Joint School District 1, Village and Town of Rib Lake, Taylor County, and the Towns of Spirit and Hill, at the annual meeting Monday night in the high school gymnasium. ¶ Meier and Thums received the high votes of the four nominees. They were Meier 57, Thums 55, Robert Tripp, Town of Spirit, 26, and Adolph Vlach, Town of Spirit, 17. ¶ In a re-organization meeting following the annual meeting, the Board named Thums as president to succeed Meier; they elected Curtiss Patrick, Town of Rib Lake, as clerk, and chose Vernon Hanke of Rib Lake as treasurer to succeed Thums. Meier and Allen Blomberg, Town of Hill, are the other two members of the five-man board. ¶ The meeting, attended by only about 80, was marked by the lack of argument, and even discussion, and lasted only an hour. Frank L. Becker served as chairman after the minutes were read by Curtiss Patrick, clerk.	It appears that school board members were elected from the floor at the annual meeting of voters. In 2008, school board members are elected for a 3-year term after circulating nomination papers and standing for a district-wide election. I have the privilege to represent the Town of Rib Lake on the present board, but all voters in the District vote for candidates regardless of where the candidates reside.	
7/28/1960 (cont)	Schools (cont)	¶ The only question raised to the board was one by Alphonse Mitchell as to why his bid of \$1,200 for the old Ward School was rejected and it was eventually sold to Elmer Taylor for \$800. ¶ President Meier pointed out that when bids originally were sought, the board expected to receive about \$2,500 for the building, and that when Mitchell's bid of \$1,200 was the high one, all of the bids were rejected. ¶ Later the board contracted to sell the building to the owners of the Golden Age Home, with the approval of last year's annual meeting, but the latter asked to be relieved of the contract when it appeared that the Medford Hospital-Clinic was to be converted into a competitive home for the aged. ¶ Hence, Meier explained, the Board advertised for bids again, the building had deteriorated, and the \$800 high bid was accepted..."	¶ The topic of the annual meeting deserves comment. The annual meeting of all of the voters of the District takes place every August. Essentially every issue of policy is up for grabs - at least in theory - at the meeting. The voters could, for example, vote to override the decision of the school board and close a school building. ¶ The annual voter meeting is, perhaps, the purest form of local democracy in action. Similarly, townships, such as the Towns of Rib Lake and Greenwood, have an annual meeting of the voters in April.	

7/28/1960	People	WHITTLESEY YOUTHS IN PLANE ACCIDENT "Two Whittlesey youths were injured and narrowly escaped death Saturday when a rented airplane hit a telephone pole and crashed down a 40-foot embankment on the Oliver Lamberty farm near Whittlesey. ¶ Being treated at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield is Eugene Dassow, 26, son of the Ben Dassows, and now employed in Milwaukee, and Eugene Krug, 26, son of the Gilbert Krugs, who was treated at the Medford Hospital and released. ¶ Dassow rented a Piper Cub at Timmerman Field in Milwaukee Saturday morning and flew to Medford with an uncle, Wilbert Fischer, to visit his parents. ¶ He landed in the pasture, Taylor County authorities said, to take Krug, a former classmate, for a ride. As the plane took off, it hit the telephone pole, crashed, and rolled down the embankment. ¶ Krug crawled from the wreckage and made his way to the Lamberty farm home, where he summoned help."	In 2008, Gene Krug continues to practice law with his son, Greg, at Medford.	
8/4/1960	Obituary & Spirit Lake	OTTO OLSON BURIED. "Services were at Stevens Point last Wednesday for Anton T. Olson, 70, retired Chief Dispatcher for the Soo Line Railroad there, and a Rib Lake native...¶ He had retired in 1955, after 46 years with the railroad, which started when he learned telegraphy while working in the Rib Lake depot as a station helper. He worked in a number of communities and was appointed Chief Dispatcher at Stevens Point in 1947. ¶ He was born in Rib Lake on May 2, 1890, the son of the Otto Olsons, Rib Lake pioneers, who operated a farm near Spirit Lake. He was married to Miss Nina Chenevert in 1941, and they became the parents of two sons, Donald Olson, Two Rivers, and Robert Olson, Oak Park, Illinois, both attorneys. ¶ Other survivors include the wife, 8 grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Henry C. Rosenfeldt, Rib Lake; and Mrs. Albert Connor, Antigo."	The 1913 Standard Atlas of Taylor County shows the Otto Olson farm consisting of the NE 1/4, Section 8, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. The farm surrounded most of Olson Lake, named, I presume, for this family. In the 1920's, my mother, Martha Hedwig Gebauer, boarded with the Olsons while she taught at the Spirit Lake, one-room school.	
8/4/1960	Entertainment & People	WAY OUT, REAL GONE! "Marlin Walbeck and his Dangerous Dodge warred to his 13th stock car racing win last Wednesday night at Stratford. ¶ Feted against the field of 53 other and lesser jalopies, Rib Lake's most notorious vehicle also charged in second and the fastest heat race, and was the second-fastest qualified. A trophy, won in the spring, was presented to Walbeck to top off the evening. Nine seconds and one-third are also on the Walbeck records."		
8/11/1960	Schools	LOCAL SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 1 WITH FACULTY THE SAME "All schools of the Joint School District 1, which includes the high and grade schools in the Village of Rib Lake, and the Liberty School in the Town of Spirit, will open on Tuesday, Sept. 1. ¶ The faculty: Kindergarten - Estelle Bohte; First - Emma Taylor; Second - Allen Dietzler; Third - Jen Eckhoff; Fourth - Helen Thieme; Fifth - Faye Curran; Sixth - Anne Packenham; Seventh - Velva Kapitz; Eighth - Gertrude Mielke; Liberty School - Catherine Kroll. ¶ High School; Keith Zintz - Vocational Agriculture; Lorne Pracht - Industrial Arts and Science; Jack Volter - Science; Conrad Christensen - Physical Education and Assistant Coach; Raymond Parks - Mathematics and Head Coach; David Segerstrom - Industrial and Vocal Music; Gerald Mirsberger - Business Education; Bernice Stellick - English and School Librarian; Barbara Acker - English and Social Science; Phyllis Pope - Home Economics; Robert Becker - Supervising Principal and Guidance.	The Liberty School occupied the southeast corner of CTH YY and German Settlement Road. In 2008, it is the home of a retired pastor, Michael Meier, and his wife, Toni. Liberty School was built in 1919 and replaced one constructed in 1889 for District #4, Town of Brennan. The Liberty School was last used for classes in the school year of 1963-64.	
8/11/1960 (cont)	Schools (cont)	¶ The cooks are Mildred Jacobs and Mary Banks, with Sophie Curran, assisting at Clearview; and Mrs. Max Scheller at Liberty. ¶ Bus drivers are Southwell Rosenfeldt, Ray Ziembo, Ray Becker, and Joe Pertmer."		
8/11/1960	Rib Lake - Village & Environment & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	WORK-BEE AT LAKE OUTLET ON SATURDAY "A long-delayed project - construction of a controlled sleuthway on the Rib River outlet dam - will be completed this weekend at the community work-bee, sponsored by the Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. ¶ The project includes 2 ten-foot gates, to be constructed of timbers and planks, so that the runoff of water from Rib Lake into the Rib River can be controlled. ¶ Subsequently, a section of the dam dikes to the west, which have washed away, will be rebuilt. This should result in raising the water to the level of several years ago...."		
8/18/1960	Obituary & Spirit	MRS. NYBERG IS STRICKEN AT SPIRIT "Funeral services for Mrs. August Nyberg, 75, pioneer resident of the Town of Spirit, were to be held this Thursday at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Gordon K. Welch will officiate, and burial will be in the Spirit Cemetery. ¶ Mrs. Nyberg, the former Annie Stone, had been ill only a few days before being removed to the Riverside Hospital at Tomahawk, where she died late Monday afternoon. ¶ Born in Spirit May 18, 1885, the daughter of Fredricka Marheine and Langley Stone, she later married John Nyberg, who preceded her in death in 1925 at their farm place. ¶ She was married to August Nyberg at Tomahawk on August 11, 1927..."	Mrs. August Nyberg, f/k/a Annie Stone, was a grandchild of Isaac Sone, the first white settler of Price County. Isaac homesteaded on the east side of Stone Lake and gave his name to that body of water in the Town of Spirit. ¶ Beryl Nyberg telephoned me on 3/29/2009 and generously offered to share family history.	

8/18/1960	RLLC & Rib Lake - Village	MILWAUKEE MAN BUYS LAKESHORE "FIRE-HOLE" LOTS "Sale of a tract of approximately 2 acres of the former lumber company property by a Roy Wagner of Milwaukee, has been completed by Fred Schwarzrock. ¶ The property has a frontage of more than 200 feet on Highway 102, and there is also more than 300 feet fronting the Rib Lake west shore. ¶ The site includes the old "fire-hole" building, which is partially dismantled, the old smokestack, and the basement, which was the site of the sawmill. Wagner, a former resident, who was here last weekend to complete the deal, said that he plans to salvage some brick from the building and stack, as well as what he expects to be considerable metal, including a number of water pipes. The sale agreement provides that Schwarzrock will fell the smokestack. ¶ When the salvaging is completed, Wagner expects to clear off the area, and use it as a site for a home, or possibly some sort of a business building, depending on what might develop. He is a chef in a Milwaukee restaurant, and a brother of Mrs. Else Juse, and Randolph Wagner."	The RLLC sawed its last log on that site June 3, 1948, at 11:45 a.m. J.J. Kennedy's mill sawed its first log at the same spot December 1881.	
8/18/1960	Obituary	WERNER RADTKE, 62, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT, IS BURIED ON MONDAY "Funeral services were held Monday in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church for Werner W. Radtke, a life-long resident of rural Rib Lake, who died last Thursday at Sacred Heart Hospital in Tomahawk. ¶ The Rev. Henry C. Gieschen officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers were Howard Lamont, Duane Christenson, Raymond Radtke, William Krueger, Harold Golder and Clarence Schreiner. ¶ Mr. Radtke was born April 10, 1898, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Werner Radtke, on the family farm east of the Village, and had lived there all of his life, helping with the operation of the farm. He was unmarried and a member of the Lutheran Church here. ¶ Surviving are two brothers, William Radtke, Rib Lake, and Otto Radtke, Appleton; and four sisters, the Mrs. Anna Radtke and Frieda, Mrs. Ernest Golder, Rib Lake; and Elsa, Mrs. Meinard Schneider, Appleton..."		
9/1/1960	Businesses & Harper Lake & Rusch	HARPER LAKE RESORT IS SOLD BY "MIKE AND MA" "Sale of the Harper Lake Resort on North Harper Lake, a popular summer place for nearly 40 years, was announced this week by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schmidt. ¶ The new owners, who will take possession on April 1, 1961, are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Duenkel, West Bend. ¶ The real estate transfer will include a tavern building, which includes small living quarters, and five cabins. ¶ The Schmidts will retain their brick home, near the entrance, and also a new cottage, built only a few years ago on the lakeshore to the west, and slightly north of their home. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Olson, who have operated the tavern and dining room for several years, are expected to continue until the new owners take over. The Schmidts have been operating the cabins and boat rentals. ¶ The resort was built in the mid-20's by Joe Brown, on the Schmidt property, and he operated it for several years. The Schmidts came here in 1914 from Marshfield, and bought a tract, which included the present resort property, as well as the farm now occupied by Camp Carter, and owned by Max Schaufelbergers of Chicago. They have two sons, 4 and 7, and have vacationed here for the past several years."	The Schmidt/Schaufelberger farm is on the north side of Rustic Road 1, the SE 1/4, Section 2, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. The resort had a series of owners and grew into a popular supper club before closing about 1989. The site is now a series of private cottages. ¶ For information regarding Camp Carter, see document #12671 to 12690.	
9/1/1960 (cont)	Businesses & Harper Lake & Rusch (cont)	¶ After they sold the farm to the Schaufelbergers in the early 40's, the Schmidts built their permanent residence at the resort and started its operation, the tavern and dining room being operated by a series of managers. ¶ The transferred property includes several hundred feet of frontage on the east bay lakeshore, north of the present row of three cabins. ¶ The new owners have Rib Lake connections. Mrs. Duenkel is the daughter of the Ray Hermans of Jackson. Mrs. Herman is a sister of Alfred and Albert Knop, the latter being a son-in-law of the Schmidts. Mr. Duenkel is a printer.		
9/1/1960	Roads & Forest, County	COUNTY BUILDING NEW ROAD INTO FOREST CROP LAND "A road construction project has made possible new access to forest crop lands in the Town of Rib Lake, Fred Vlach, Chairman of the Taylor County Forestry and Lands Committee, announces. ¶ The half-mile road was constructed between sections 8 and 17, east of Highway 102. The road is bordered on the north by the Anton Knorn farm and on the south by the Hank Wiegel farm. ¶ New timber sale areas have been made accessible. Future plans call for connecting the new road with the partially completed road developed southwest from Section 1. ¶ The road construction was completed this spring by Sep Virnig. ¶ The Forestry and Lands Committee will tour forest crop lands today to initiate the 1961 program of work. Committee members are Fred Vlach, Rib Lake; Ernest Kohn, Westboro; Gil Krug, Chelsea; Joe Sweda, Roosevelt; and Ernest Maurere, Grover."	In 1960, few roads existed in the county forest since it had been originally logged by railroad.	
9/15/1960	Politics & Rib Lake - Village	ELECTION BOARD RAISE "John Reinhardt, who has been in charge of Rib Lake Village elections for at least the past 32 years, "went to bat" for his helpers Tuesday night, after the ballots were counted, and got each of them, and himself, a \$2 pay raise. ¶ He appeared before the Village Board and pointed out that it has been a long time since the election board received an increase, despite constant increases in everyday living expenses, and the board agreed to a raise of the daily pay to \$8 for the two ballot clerks, and to \$10 for the three inspectors and two clerks. ¶ Personnel of the present board is Reinhardt, Chairman and Inspector; Henry Hoffman and Mrs. Anna Bleck, Inspectors; Mrs. Ed Thums and Mrs. Clarence Tippelt, clerks; and Mrs. Minnie Bokath and Mrs. William Goerg, ballot clerks."	Note that the pay of \$8 was per day, and not per hour.	

9/15/1960	Entertainment	22 TEAMS POISED TO START BOWLING SEASON "Men's league bowling will start next week. ¶ The season will be launched by the American League on Monday night with the 102 Tavern meeting the American Legion, and Gem Products tangling with Bud's IGA at 7:00 p.m. ¶ Standard Oil and Coast-to-Coast store, and Sinclair Oil and the Nite Owl Bar will meet on the second shift at 9:00 p.m. ¶ The National League will be launched at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, when Gene's D-X meets Gem Products, and Consolidated Insurance meets Barney's Wreckers. ¶ On Wednesday night, at 8:00, it will be Lakeside v. Little Bohemia, and Magnuson Farms against Jim's Bar..."	Bowling was a hot item at the local Little Bohemia.	
9/22/1960	Spirit Lake & Environment	ANOTHER HEARING ON SPIRIT WATER LEVEL HELD BY P.S.C. "The State Public Service Commission has under advisement the petition of the Town of Spirit to maintain the present water level on Spirit Lakes, following a public hearing on the Town's petition in the courthouse at Phillips last Friday. ¶ The Town seeks to retain the present height of the dam on the Spirit River outlet, which had been ordered lowered by the state regulatory body in a previous order, when the dam was still owned by the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association, which built it about 10 years ago. The sportsman's group transferred the dam to the Town of Spirit last spring. ¶ ...Testifying on behalf of the higher water levels were Arthur Johnson and Herman Ernst, Chairman and Clerk of the Town of Spirit; Elmer Taylor, and Al Heinz of Rib Lake; Eddie Ruder of Marshfield, and Herbert Magnuson, Route 1, Ogema, the latter four owners of property on the lakes. Magnuson is also president of the Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. ¶ Opposing the present level were Cy Claussen and Ralph Fjeldheim, both year-round residents of lakeshore property, and George Whitt, Chicago, who owns some property on Big Spirit..."	This dispute has been raging for the past several years. Consult the prior editions of The Herald for the history up to this point.	
9/22/1960	Rib Lake - Village & Environment & Rusch	LAKE YIELDS TONS OF BULLHEADS; PUBLIC SALE SET FOR SATURDAY "Rib Lake displayed indisputable evidence of its comeback as a fish producer on Tuesday afternoon and evening, when nearly 2 tons of bullheads were removed from it. ¶ 19 large nets, which had been placed in the water Monday morning by representatives from the State Conservation Department at Ladysmith, were lifted and their contents revealed some interesting and unexpected evidence as to the fertility of the comparatively shallow waters. ¶ ...The first five truckloads, mostly bullheads, interspersed with a few suckers, were hauled in aerated tanks to the Ed Bechlem farm just north of Fawn Valley School and dumped into a pond, which lies on the north side of the east and west road, to the rear of the farm home, and near the creek. ¶ They will be offered for sale there on Saturday by the Fish & Game Association. Folks may buy as many or as few as they wish, and the price, while not determined as yet, will be reasonable. When the public sale has completed, the remainder will be disposed of, probably to a rendering plant or mink food firm..."	Next to this article was the following: "WHOPPER! Lee Strobach received a nice bonus in connection with the bullhead netting, a big turtle, whose weight was estimated between 50-60 pounds. ¶ He was nearby when a net was lifted near the high school, and the whopper was lifted out. The netters didn't want a turtle and Lee did. ¶ He has it basking in a large water tank, while he makes up his mind whether its alternate destination is the soup kettle or the frying pan."	
9/29/1960	Clubs/Orders	CHELSEA CONSERVATION CLUB HOUSE WILL BE DEDICATED NEXT SUNDAY "Brief but formal ceremonies will mark the dedication of the Chelsea Conservation Club's new headquarters building. ¶ ... The new building, located on Highway 13 about 2 miles south of Chelsea on a 40-acre wooded tract, has a 64 x 24 foot social hall and kitchen, and a 24 x 24 foot lounge. The interior is paneled in pine, and the building is heated with gas. ¶ Erwin Frischmann, former president of the Club, is program chairman, and Millard Kapitz of Rib Lake, chairman of the Taylor County Board, will be master of ceremonies for the program...¶ The Club, organized in 1955, now has approximately 500 members. It has a long list of conservation accomplishments, including restoration of Black River as a trout stream, developed public access, picnic grounds and boat landings at Horseshoe and Chelsea Lakes, acquired land for public landings on Lake Esadore; seeded fire lanes with clover for partridge, planted aquatic food for water fowl, and sponsored annually a contest, with prizes, for large fish of all species.	The Club, organized in 1955, now has hundreds of members	
9/29/1960 (cont)	Clubs/Orders (cont)	¶ Future plans call for development of the 40-acre tract into a wayside, with outdoor grills, restrooms, playground equipment, electrical outlet for campers and trailers, a rifle range, archery course, and trap shoot facilities..."		

10/6/1960	RLLC & Rib Lake - Village	OLD SMOKESTACK PARTY IDEA PFFT! "A proposal to stage a community-wide event in connection with the felling of the old lumber mill smokestack was dropped by the Rib Lake Commercial Club Tuesday night. ¶ A representative of the Club was informed by Mr. Schwarzrock that he would expect to receive \$100 if he delayed the felling until Saturday, October 15. ¶ That ended the discussion.."	Accompanying the article is a photograph of the base of the smokestack showing the alterations made to it by Schwarzrock: "Here is how the base of the old Rib Lake mill chimney looked last weekend as preparations to fell it were continued by Fred Schwarzrock. Several rows of tile and brick have been removed and blocks of wood inserted, to hold the weight until the time for razing comes. ¶ Then Schwarzrock plans to use brush and wood to start a hot fire, which eventually is intended to ignite the wooden blocks and allow the chimney to fall to the north. ¶ That's the plan, but the exact time hasn't been set, and the suggestion to stage some sort of a community event in connection with it, fell faster than the stack will."	
10/6/1960	Environment & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. & Spirit Lake	MUSKIES COMING OUT OF LOCAL POND SOON "The dam on Tannery Pond was opened Tuesday evening in preparation for the removal of muskies, which have been reared there during the summer by the Fish & Game Assoc. in cooperation with the State Conservation Dept. ¶ The state truck, and employees who will supervise the removal operations, is expected Friday morning, and the actual operation will start whenever the water level gets low enough to make it practical. It is hoped by officers of the Association that the work can be completed Friday night. ¶ Approximately 2500 fingerling muskies were placed in the pond by the state in the spring, and a good return of grown fish is expected, as a fool-proof screen to prevent them from escaping down the creek and into Rib River, was installed prior to the planting. ¶ The fish will be transplanted into Spirit Lake, the Mondeaux Flowage, and Jump River.		
10/6/1960	Harper Lake & Rusch	NEW LOOK AT HARPER "Carl Duenkel, West Bend, who will assume ownership of Harper Lake Resort on April 1, 1961, had a good start on planned repairs and renovations the weekend before last, when he built the new concrete porch to replace the old wooden porch on the tavern building. ¶ He was assisted on the planning, engineering and labor by his dad, his father-in-law, Ray Herman, and two brothers-in-law, Kenny Herman and Al Krueger. The families came along, and they all enjoyed a brief vacation while the men worked."	You can access photographs of this resort by consulting the CDs of Rib Lake History: Documents and Photos, available at the Rib Lake Public Library.	
10/15/1960	RLLC & Rib Lake - Village	OLD MILL SMOKESTACK CAME DOWN ON FRIDAY "The old lumber company smoke stack came down last Friday afternoon, with comparatively few individuals on hand to watch and mourn its demise. ¶ Fred Schwarzrock, who had sold the property, on the condition that the 160-foot stack be razed, had piled wood around the base, which previously had been "notched out." ¶ Wayne Miller doused the wood with oil and Terry Strebeg and Allen Viegut had the honor of lighting the match and then getting out of the way. ¶ The strong draft quickly accelerated the flames, and in about 15 minutes, or exactly at 1:11 p.m., the old stack seemed to falter, buckled and then fell into the grass - towards the north-northwest, or just like Schwarzrock had planned it. ¶ The falling made little noise, but the stack was pretty well busted up. Many residents were unaware that it had gone down until the show was over. (Including the editor, taking a beauty nap.) ¶ Roy Wagner, Milwaukee, the new owner, who was on hand for the ceremony, said he plans to salvage pipe and metal from the remains of the old buildings, and then will bulldoze the area and create about 4 nice lakeside building lots."	This majestic engineering feat, a smokestack over 160 feet high, was constructed in 1916 when the last "new" mill of the RLLC was constructed. It was built out of tens of thousands of orange-colored, glazed tiles. The tile was 4-3/4 inches high and 5-1/4 inches wide and 5-1/2 inches deep. It had a slight curve to it, so when mortared in place, it would form a circle of approximately 14 feet - the inside diameter of the stack at its base. The tiles were hollow except for three shafts of tile material through the center of the tile. Masons had carefully and properly constructed a taper into the towering smokestack. It was truly an engineering feat that merited preservation. Some claimed the smokestack was the highest constructed in the State of Wisconsin. ¶ In 2008, the smokestack site is the home of Estelle Hanke, 660 Mill Lane, Rib Lake.	
10/15/1960	Obituary & Town of Greenwood	MRS. LARUE IS BURIED "Funeral services were held at Brook, Indiana, recently for Mrs. Ross LaRue, 69, a former Rib Lake rural resident, who died there after a serious illness of about a year. ¶ The LaRues came to Rib Lake several years ago and operated the Hiway C grocery, later trading it to Joe Frombach, Jr., for the nearby farm, which they also operated before returning to Indiana. ¶ The former Alice Pfeiffer was born Jan. 14, 1891, near Dremen, Indiana, and spent most of her life in the Lowell community. ¶ She was active in social groups and lodges in the area, having been the past Noble Grand and a past president of the Rebecca Lodge, a charter member of the Indian Trails Grange, a member of the Lowell Camp of the Royal Neighbors, and the Eastern Star, the auxiliary of the Patriarchs Militant and several local groups.."	The Highway C grocery stood on the west side of CTH C in Section 24, Town 33 North, Range 2 East; the building still stands, as of 2008, directly west of St. Peters Lutheran Church.	

10/15/1960	People & Entertainment	WALBECK ENDS GOOD SEASON "Marlin Walbeck has put his "Dangerous Dodge" on the blocks, following the conclusion of the stock car racing season last week. ¶ At Stratford on Wednesday night, he came in third in the time trials, and was first in the heat race. He had to drop out of the feature race because of mechanical trouble. At Wisconsin Rapids on Sunday, he was third in the heat race, and then finished 7th in the 50-lap feature race, competing on an asphalt track, with mostly 1955 and 1956 models. ¶ All in all, it wasn't a bad season for Marlin, as he had 15 firsts, 12 seconds, and 8 thirds. He plans to rejuvenate a 1955 Chevrolet for next season's racing."		
10/15/1960	Environment & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	MUSKIES REARING PROGRAM AT POND IS SUCCESS AGAIN "The Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc. has concluded another successful muskie rearing program, recovering and replanting 775 of the 2,500 which had been placed in the old Tannery Pond in the spring. ¶ The dam on the pond was opened last Tuesday and water was lowered sufficiently by about 9:00 p.m. Friday to allow the volunteer sportsmen, under the supervision of Bob Bredemus, state fish biologist from Ladysmith, to complete the removal. ¶ About half of the fish were placed in the Mondeaux, 40% in the Spirit Lakes, and the remainder in the Jump River. ¶ Included in the recovery was about a dozen fish more than 20" in length, which apparently had been missed when the pond was drained and the muskies removed a year ago. Their presence in the water was believed to be responsible for the low recovery rate, due to their cannibalistic proclivities. ¶ The removal process was slowed down considerably, as Bredemus handled each of the fish individually, clipping a fin so that data as to their age and habit may be had when they are caught as adult muskies in the future. Most of the fish were from 8-12" in length."		
10/20/1960	Law & Politics	OSCAR RADEMACHER, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY [Paid Advertisement and Photograph provided:] "He is a product of working class parents, in the City of Chicago, from 1895, and President Cleveland's administration; he sold newspapers on horse-drawn street cars and cable cars on the corners of 63rd and Halstead. During the McKinley's administration, in 1898, during hard times, his family moved to Pullman-town, on the south side, where his father received employment with the Pullman Palace Car Company. In 1904, he graduated from the Calumet High School, Auburn Park, Chicago. His parents believed that education must be earned and appreciated by a willingness to work for it. So, during his high school years, he earned his street car fare, books and clothing, by selling toilet products from house to house; and during the summer vacations, successively worked in a drop-forge factory on a steel cutting machine: work for the Sherman-Williams Paint Company in its white lead department, wearing a sponge muzzle, and company clothes throughout the day: for the West Pullman Malleable Casting Company for a Chinese wage: and last, worked as a	At the time Rademacher was running for Taylor County District Attorney against Corliss V. Jensen, Republican. ¶ Medford Attorney Raymond H. Scott told me a fascinating story about Attorney Rademacher. He once tried a case before his wife, who conducted court in her capacity as a Justice of the Peace, for the Town of Westboro. He won before his wife; but the decision was overturned by Circuit Court Judge Louis J. Charles, who was flabbergasted to hear that an attorney could believe that trying a case before	
10/20/1960 (cont)	Law & Politics (cont)	hot-carrier for a plastering contractor, climbing a one-story ladder to the second floor six days a week for \$1.75 per day. ¶ When only 20 years old, Oscar Rademacher, in his last year at high school, in 1903, was a "soap box orator" on Saturday nights, with a police permit in his pocket, speaking to standing crowds at frequent street crossings in Chicago, in the presidential campaign of Eugene V. Debs. ¶ In the fall of 1904, he entered the University of Wisconsin. Throughout his student life, he had to earn his maintenance. In 1908, he graduated with a degree in letters and science, and in the fall taught in the Antigo High School. He received a first-class teacher's certificate, but returned to the University to finish his law course the following year, and in 1910 was admitted to the practice of law with a bachelor of law degree. ¶ He chose to begin his practice in Milwaukee, but being virtually unknown, he had to depend to a large degree for livelihood on newspapers writing. In 1917, he received a "call of the wild," and moved on some cutover land on Highway D, in the Town of Westboro, our county, with his wife, Mrs. Florence O. Rademacher, and a baby daughter. Life up here has been very different	his spouse would be appropriate.	
10/20/1960 (cont)	Law & Politics (cont)	from what it was in Milwaukee, and there were periods when living conditions were desperate. His attempt to get office space for a time in Medford failed with the recurrent answer "we have enough lawyers here." At the time, 43 years ago, Medford was a genuine "Main Street" town. Nevertheless, repeated efforts were rewarding, and finally he was granted death-room space in an empty saloon building there. A few successful tilts with the established lawyers of the city, where he represented tax payers against town boards and officials, established his professional abilities, and reliability. ¶ Oscar Rademacher's practice extends to different parts of our state, and is in the federal, as well as in the state courts, including the United States Court of Appeals. He had been successful in the majority of his cases appealed to our State Supreme Court, the highest court in our state. ¶ In his professional efforts, as well as at home, his wife, Florence O. Rademacher, has been of inestimable value and assistance. ¶ Present county problems for a District Attorney will be covered in next week's issue. Signed, Oscar Rademacher, Democratic candidate for District Attorney."		

10/27/1960	Forest/Wood	FOREST MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP "A woodland management program will be held on Saturday on the Isadore Bonde farm. ¶ The Bonde farm is located 2 miles east of Rib Lake on Highway 101 and one mile north on CTH C. The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. ¶ Demonstration of logging equipment will take place from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Demonstrated will be the power loader, and all types of chain saws, which will be shown by local dealers. ¶ County Agent Joe Tuss will begin the educational portion of the program at 1:45 p.m. The first speaker will be Adrian D. DeVriend, Extension Forester of Price County. His topic will be "Economic Aspects of Hardwood Management." ¶ Forest management and/or forest management programs for the woodland will be discussed by Paul Gottwald, District Forester for the Wisconsin Conservation Department. He will explain the ASC program and its assistance to woodland owners. The Bonde forest is under a timber stand improvement program. ¶ William Spreen, of Spreen and Meyer, will discuss "What a Log Buyer Looks for When Purchasing Logs." This discussion is to provide greater understanding of what makes a quality log.	The Bonde farm stood along Bonde Avenue where in 2008, the homeplace is owned by Jeffrey and Dawn Schupp, the NW 1/4 - NE 1/4, 24-T33N-R2E. Isadore Bonde was a soft-spoken, devoted environmentalist. He won many forestry and conservation awards with his wildlife ponds, plantings of wildlife shrubs and careful timber stand management. ¶ ASC stood for Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. It was a function of the US Department of Agriculture. It provided monies, "cost shares," to landowners for a variety	
10/27/1960 (cont)	Forest/Wood (cont)	¶ A complete woodland analysis will summarize on two plots of the Bonde wood lot. The plot includes a volume of merchantable and non-merchantable wood, in pointing out the value of managing stands for the greatest economic return. ¶ Following the discussion, a demonstration of logging equipment will be resumed. Coffee and donuts will be served, compliments of the Rib Lake Commercial Club. All pulpwood haulers, contractors and woodland owners are invited."	of conservation and woodland management practices. For example, it provided a small payment to landowners to cut their own trees in a non-commercial, thinning operation, called timber stand improvement. A state forester like Paul Gottwald, and later, Emil Falasky, would mark the trees to be felled. The timber stand improvement program was very successful in demonstrating to private landowners the benefits of using professional silvicultural advice. ¶ In my opinion, President George W. Bush made a serious mistake in axing federal funds for these insightful programs.	
11/10/1960	Obituary	MRS. STEEN DIES "Funeral services will be held this Friday for Mrs. Martin Steen, 83, at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Town of Greenwood, at 2:00 p.m. The Rev. Joseph Krubsack will officiate, with burial in the Greenwood cemetery. ¶ Born Sept. 15, 1877, in Germany, the former Annie Klein came to this country 80 years ago when her parents settled on a farm in the Town of Greenwood. She was married to Martin Steen April 22, 1902, in Greenwood, and the couple lived on their farm there until 3 years ago, when they moved to Deer Creek. ¶ Survivors are her husband, 4 daughters; Anna, Mrs. Ed Leader, Medford; Rita, Mrs. Motte; Lucy, Mrs. Walter Miller, Town of Browning; and Paulina, Mrs. Adolph Klemm, Chicago; 4 sons; John, Rib Lake; Frank, Greenwood; Martin, Greenwood; Henry, Town of Browning; also 37 grandchildren and 48 great-grandchildren..."		
11/10/1960	Politics	KENNEDY WINS US PRESIDENCY; NELSON RE-ELECTED AS GOVERNOR "Taylor County voters put their stamp of approval to the Democratic candidacies of Senator John F. Kennedy for president, Governor Gaylor Nelson, Alfred (Pete) White, Clerk of Circuit Court, and two minor state officers, but remained strictly Republican in all other races."	J.F. Kennedy assumed the presidency with a 60% approval rating. That was a record high.	
11/17/1960	Obituary & Greenwood	SERVICE HELD FOR EDWARD KLEIN, SR. "Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Town of Greenwood for Edward Frank Klein, 87, an early resident of the Rib Lake rural community, who died last Friday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. William Neuenfeld, near Dorchester. ¶ Pastor Joseph Krubsack officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery. The body had been in state at the Ruesch Funeral Home at Medford until noon Tuesday. Grandsons served as pallbearers. Mr. Klein was born in Mocker, Oberschlesien, Germany, on March 12, 1873, and came to the United States with his parents when he was 11 years old. ¶ They settled on the homestead in the Town of Greenwood on CTH M, now occupied by a son, Edward Klein, Jr. He remained there, farming and working the woods, until 1933, when he retired. Then he stayed on the farm until a few months ago, when he and Mrs. Klein went to the daughter's home near Dorchester.	The Herald misspelled Oberschlesien. The editor was not German fluent, and I guess the Klein family had only heard the ancestral birthplace spoken. Oberschlesien is upper Silesia. This German province was transferred to Poland by the Yalta and Potsdam Agreements after WWII and its million German inhabitants were expelled.	
11/17/1960 (cont)	Obituary & Greenwood (cont)	¶ He was married to Miss Bertha Wittke in the Town of Greenwood in 1896. He had served as school director and was treasurer of the Town of Greenwood for several years. ¶ Surviving are the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Neuenfeld, and Mrs. Bertha Bartelt, Milwaukee; two sons, George Klein, Edgar; and Edward, Jr., Greenwood; a sister, Mrs. Paulina Mielke, Chicago; 23 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren..."		

11/17/1960	Obituary	MRS. NIGGEMANN, 71, OF A PIONEER FAMILY, STRICKEN SUDDENLY "Mrs. Fred Niggemann, 71, member of an early Rib Lake family, died suddenly early Wednesday...The former Edith Gertrude Curran was born July 22, 1889, in New Brunswick, Canada, and came to Rib Lake with her parents, the John Currans, in 1893. She attended the Rib Lake schools, graduating from the high school in 1908, and then taught school in the Town of Westboro a year. ¶ She was married to Fred Niggemann on Aug. 16, 1919, at St. John the Baptist Church. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Aug. 16 of this year. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Church, Christian Mothers, the Ladies Catholic Order of Foresters, and the Royal Neighbors Lodge, and was a former member of the Twentieth Century Club. ¶ Surviving are the husband, three daughters: Thea, Mrs. Harold Zielke, Rib Lake; Irene, Mrs. F.J. Galloy, Chicago; and Alice, Mrs. John M. Schied, Chicago; four brothers; Herbert, Chester, Fred and Ed Curran, all of Rib Lake..."		
11/17/1960	Businesses	NOTICE! "As we bought the Jake Janda building, we intend to start a recreational center for young and old called Rib Lake Recreational Center. Grand opening will be announced soon. Maudie Menning."	This 6 x 8" ad ran in The Herald. Jake C. Janda had operated a candy and variety store for many years on Lot 8, Block B, McComb's Racing Park Addition. Its street address is 828 McComb Ave. ¶ Its last business use was by Janice K. Deaton, who operated an antique store there until the summer of 2008. The building was then purchased by Woodland Community Church of Westboro, which hired Rodney Strobach to raze the building in August of 2008. The church intends to use the site to expand the Genesis Youth Center that stands just to the south.	
12/1/1960	Obituary & Spirit	GUST M. DONALDSON IS BURIED AT OGEMA "Funeral services for Gust M. Donaldson, 80, who died at his farm home, Route 1, Ogema, on Thanksgiving Day, were held last Saturday afternoon at the Ogema Baptist Church. The Rev. David Brostrom officiated, and burial was in the Hillside Cemetery there. ¶ The pallbearers were Harold Blomberg, Arnold Donaldson, Rueben Donaldson, Russell Olson, Alden Nelson, and Roger Nelson. ¶ Born in Norway Aug. 4, 1880, Mr. Donaldson came to this country in 1883, his family establishing a farm in the Spirit country. He was married Nov. 30, 1911, at Ogema to the former Jennie S. Blomberg. ¶ Survivors are his wife, 4 daughters; Myrl, Mrs. Lawrence Nelson, Ogema; Verna, Mrs. George Johnson, New Holstein; Genevieve, Mrs. Charles Forsberg, New City, New York; Arlene, Mrs. John Kurtis, Elmhurst, Illinois; 2 sons; Gordon, Ogema, and Orville, New Holstein..."		
12/8/1960	Obituary	MRS. CLENDENNING, AN EARLY RESIDENT, BURIED ON TUESDAY "Funeral services for Mrs. Peter Clendenning, 93, pioneer Rib Lake resident, who died Sunday at Eau Claire Hospital, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Church, the Rev. Gordon K. Welch officiated, and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers were Ed, Fred and Chester Curran, Henry Rosenfeldt, James Downs and Edwin Martin. ¶ The former Ida Mae Mason was born Feb. 25, 1867, at Stevens Point. She was married April 10, 1887, to Peter Clendenning, at Spencer. The couple settled here, he working for the Rib Lake mill. Although they journeyed into Canada in the early days of their marriage, Mr. Clendenning, who preceded his wife in death in Sept. of 1908, is on the "honor roll" of a dozen early village residents. ¶ Mrs. Clendenning was an early member of the Methodist Church, joining here in 1911. She lived here until about 8 years ago, and since then has made her home with her children.		
12/8/1960 (cont)	Obituary (Cont)	¶ Survivors are three sons; Andy, Chicago; Archie, Watersmeet, Michigan; Everett, Wood; 3 daughters, Ethel, Mrs. William Diesing, and Margaret, Mrs. Leonard Misna, both of Chicago; Catherine, Mrs. John MacDonald, Eau Claire; a brother, Byron Mason, Park Falls; 11 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren."		
12/8/1960	Businesses	CAFÉ IS REDECORATED "Bob Gums and his staff, early this week, completed redecoration of the interior of the Little Bohemia Café. The ceiling is now yellow, the north and south walls a pleasant aqua, and the other two walls are finished in beige. The café is again being operated by Mrs. Ruth Stelling, who has installed two handsome planters, which formerly were in her Coral Cafe, and a number of other improvements, including new wall lamps."	The Coral Café operated out of a small building immediately north of the Little Bohemia.	

12/15/1960	Obituary	ALBERT YORDE, 83, RETIRED FARMER, BURIED MONDAY "Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, for Albert Yorde, 83, a long-time resident of the community, who died last Friday. . .The Rev. Henry Gieschen officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Julius Gilge, Julius Golder, Herman Monske, Ernest Hein, Ernest Tetzlaff, and Peter Beck. ¶ Mr. Yorde was born in Germany on June 11, 1877, and came to this country with his parents in 1885. They lived in Michigan about a year, and came to Wisconsin in 1866. ¶ He was married to Mrs. Ida Kelnhofer on Dec. 16, 1925, and they farmed south of the village. After her death on July 15, 1959, he made his home with his step-son and daughter-in-law for a time, and in April of 1959, became a resident of the Golden Age Home in Rib Lake. ¶ Survivors include one brother, Herman Yorde, Lake City, Minnesota; two step-sons, Arthur and Edward Kelnhofer, both of Rib Lake; and a number of nieces and nephews..."		
12/29/1960	People & Rusch & Roads	CAR SPENDS NIGHT IN ICY WATER AFTER A MOONLIGHT SPIN "A car owned and driven by Dale Strobach, Route 1, was damaged considerably as a result of being partially submerged in Rib Lake over Tuesday night. ¶ Strobach, his brother Ted, and Stanley Kroll, Jr., had been pleasure riding on the ice for an hour or so at night, when the vehicle struck a soft spot about 50-feet from the southeast shore, near the Rib River outlet. ¶ The rear wheels dropped into the comparatively shallow water, leaving the front wheels on firmer ice ahead. The water was only a few feet deep at the spot, and the ice was not more than a few inches thick there, according to Police Chief George Thums. It is 10-12" thick in other portions of the lake.	Fortunately, the Strobach family has Rodney Jay Strobach, master mechanic. He can fix anything with wheels, with a smile on his face.	
12/29/1960 (cont)	People & Rusch & Roads (cont)	¶ Bob Melaski's wrecker was called to the scene yesterday morning, and the winch was used to raise the vehicle to firm ice. Chief Thums said the rear fender was dented, and the gasoline tank came off during the removal operation, and that the upholstery of the car was badly soaked. ¶ The ice, philosophized the Chief, is like a chain, no longer than its weakest spot - and the Strobach car found one of the weaker ones. ¶ Passerbys said the slanting shafts of the cars headlights gave the lake area an eerie look on an otherwise quiet night."		
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1/5/1961	Obituary & Spirit Lake	FRANK KNORN "Funeral services for Frank Knorn, 82, who died Sunday at Chippewa Falls, where he had resided with his son, Paul, for the past few years, were held Tuesday morning at St. John the Baptist Church. ¶ The Rev. Robert Stock officiated and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. Walter J. Schneider, Andrew Zondlo, George Zondlo, Paul A. Kauer, and Peter B. Kauer were pallbearers. ¶ Born Feb. 19, 1878, in Germany, he came to this country in 1892. He settled on a farm near Unity around 1900, working also in lumber camps in that area. He was married to Rose Noeth in August, 1903, in Chicago. The couple then came to Taylor County to farm land across from the Spirit Lake tavern. In 1910, they assumed the property now known as the Tony Knorn farm. ¶ In 1947, he moved to Rib Lake, and in 1955, to Medford, where he lived until going to Chippewa Falls in 1957.	The Knorn place is a genuine century farm.	
1/5/1961 (cont)	Obituary & Spirit Lake (cont)	¶ Survivors are three daughters and three sons, 26 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. The daughters are Augusta, Mrs. Clarence Meyer, Los Angeles, California; Johanna, Mrs. Mack Rick, Milwaukee; Josephine, Mrs. Robert Orgish, Stevens Point; the sons, Richard, Denver, Colorado; Carl, Kenosha; and Paul, Chippewa Falls. ¶ His wife and his son, Tony, preceded him in death, the latter three years ago."		
1/5/1961	Law & Spirit Lake	HOLD-UP REPORTED AT SPIRIT LAKE GROCERY "Price and Taylor County law enforcement officials are without clues as to the identity of a man and woman who committed a day-time hold-up for a small sum of money at Fjeldheim's Sunny Hill Store on Spirit Lake last Sunday afternoon. ¶ The man struck Mrs. Ralph Fjeldheim, wife of the proprietor, stunning her, and took the money from the cash register. It was thought to be around \$5 or less. They also escaped without paying for \$2 worth of gasoline, which had been pumped into the car by Mr. Fjeldheim. ¶ The store and gas station are on Highway 102 near the Spirit River bridge, just a short distance over the Taylor-Price County line. ¶ Sheriff Paul Gehring of Phillips said he was informed that the car, an old gray model, pulled in front of the gas pump at about 2:30 p.m. When Mr. Fjeldheim went to wait on the driver, a comparatively young man, he asked for \$2 worth of gasoline, and then opened the door and went into the store, where Mrs. Fjeldheim was in attendance.		
1/5/1961 (cont)	Law & Spirit Lake (cont)	¶ The sheriff said that he apparently struck Mrs. Fjeldheim over the head while her back was turned. She was slightly stunned and had a bruise on her neck, head, and shoulder. After pocketing the money, the man went outside, and when Mr. Fjeldheim had completed the gasoline filling, started to walk back towards the building, as if he meant to go inside to make payment. ¶ When they reached the door, he suddenly turned, ran back to the car, and drove away hurriedly in the direction of Rib Lake. The woman had remained in the car all of the time. ¶ Fjeldheim went inside and found his wife unconscious on the floor. By the time the sheriff's office at Phillips was notified, the car was "long gone." The sheriff's office at Medford was notified, but found no trace of the car, as sufficient time had elapsed for it to go in any of several directions without coming into Rib Lake or remaining on principally traveled roads.		

1/5/1961 (cont)	Law & Spirit Lake (cont)	¶ Sheriff Gehring said he is convinced the hold-up man was acquainted with the station, the store, and the area, probably having planned his hold-up program and escape route in advance. ¶ It was the first hold-up in this area in which violence was used, in a number of years, officers said."		
1/5/1961	Forest, Wood	NOTICE OF PUBLIC LAND SALE "Take notice, that Taylor County will offer for sale on the 6th day of January, 1961, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the agricultural room of the courthouse of said county, the following described parcels of county-owned real estate, to wit: SE-SW, Section 7, Town 31, Range 3 East --- \$114.50, Town of Goodrich; SW-NE, Section 33, Town 33, Range 3 East --- \$100, Rib Lake; SE-NE, Section 33, Town 33, Range 3 East --- \$90, Rib Lake...¶ These descriptions will not be sold for less than the appraisal valuation as shown above. Terms - cash. Signed Harold O. Ruesch, County Clerk."	The SW-NE, Section 33, Town 33, Range 3 East, had, and has, a town road, Casper Drive, on its west side. The county had probably acquired the land either through tax delinquency or foreclosing on an old-age assistance lien against a former owner. In any case, the price was dirt cheap, by today's standards. On the other hand, I recall a comment by the late George Hanke; George was offered, in the 1950's, a 40-acre parcel along CTH C, the NE 1/4 - NE 1/4, 13-T33N-R2E. George indignantly rejected the offered price of \$100, telling me "why would I possibly want that land - all the timber has been cut off!"	
1/19/1961	Obituary & Agriculture	MIKE OLAH, SR., EARLY WESTBORO FARMER, BURIED "Funeral services for Mike Olah, Sr., 71, Westboro, who died Jan. 13 at the home of his son, Alex, after a prolonged illness, were held Monday morning at St. Theresa's Catholic Church there. ¶ Pallbearers were Ben Seidel, Joe Soper, Ernest Weiher, Norman Rhyner, George Odau, and Jake Bursik, Sr. ¶ Born July 12, 1885, in Hungary, he came to this country in 1905, settling in Ohio. He established a farm near Westboro, now occupied by a son, Stephen, in 1908. In 1912, he was married to Katherine Shontos at Crown Point, Indiana. The couple retired from their farm in 1946, moving into the Westboro community. Besides farming, he also served as a roadmaster for the Town of Rib Lake. He was a past member of the James Lake School Board. ¶ Surviving are his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Betty Lundberg, Ogema; four sons, Mike, Jr., Athens; Alex and Stephen, Westboro; John, Pittsburgh; 14 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.."	A roadmaster, or road boss, was in charge of town roads. ¶ The Olah dairy farm rests atop a high glacial hill just east of the Town of Westboro. In 2008, it's titled in Richard and Peggy Olah.	
1/26/1961	Obituary	LOUIS YANKO, 68, CALLED AFTER AN EXTENDED ILLNESS "Funeral services were held in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church last Saturday at 10:00 a.m. for Louis Yanko, a resident of the community for about 46 years, who died Wednesday evening at the Sacred Heart Hospital at Tomahawk. ..¶ Pallbearers were George Zondlo, Andrew Zondlo, Joseph Pertmer, Mike Schwarz, Norman Kutzke, and John Schinker. ¶ He was born in Hungary on July 28, 1898, and came to this country in 1909 at the age of 17, settling in Pittsburgh. He came to Rib Lake in 1915 and married Anna Pfeiffer, of an early Rib Lake family, in August of that year. ¶ They settled on the farm on Highway 102, northeast of the village, in 1917, and continued to farm until about 2 years ago. In the meantime, Mr. Yanko had been employed as a section man for the RLLC for more than 20 years.."		
1/26/1961	Law	ATTORNEY FILES PAPERS "Attorney Charles Giles filed his nomination papers for county judge on Wednesday and made a statement citing the additional importance of the post when new state laws become effective in 1962. ¶ Under the new laws, the powers of the justice of the peace will be greatly curtailed, and the county judge will be given additional jurisdiction, including divorce and foreclosure jurisdiction, and jurisdiction in criminal cases, with the exception of treason. Jurisdiction in civil cases also will be increased to \$25,000."	Giles would lose the election to Peter J. Seidl of Thorp.	
1/26/1961	Businesses	GOLDEN AGE HOME NEAR SECOND BIRTHDAY "A round-up of the two-year career of Rib Lake's Golden Age Home should be of interest, in this, the big year for fine tallies. ¶ Opening just under the line of January, 1959, 7 residents were welcomed within 2 days. Since that time, 80 persons have occupied this 40-bed and board home. ¶ Five of the charter members still remain there. ¶ Accommodations for five more persons are among the constant improvements made during 1960. ¶ During the operations, 16 residents have been discharged, and 25 have expired. ¶ The youngest member of the clan has been 32, and the oldest 94. At the present time, the average over-all age is 80 years. ¶ A staff of 14 headed by Miss Esther Ferguson as manager, is on around-the-clock duty. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ford, Rhinelander, are the owners."		

2/9/1961	Clubs/Orders	ERNEST SUNDERLIN NEW PRESIDENT OF COMMERCIAL CLUB "Ernest Sunderlin was elected president of the Rib Lake Commercial Club at the dinner meeting held Tuesday evening in the Little Bohemia Café. ¶ Formerly vice president, he succeeds Dr. Duane D. Powers. Roy Stewart was named vice president, and Con Christensen will succeed Lorn Pract as secretary-treasurer. ¶ Plans were made for the Farmers Institute, to be sponsored jointly by the Club and county agricultural extension office next Thursday at the high school. Principal Bob Becker and Keith Zintz, Agriculture Instructor, will have charge of arrangements at the school... ¶ After hearing a report from a committee headed by Dr. R.L. Pettera, the club voted to sponsor a post-junior prom party for high school students. The event will be held after the prom, in April, at the Chelsea Conservation Clubhouse, and the program will include a supper after the dance, more dancing and entertainment, and breakfast, all for a nominal fee from the students..."		
2/16/1961	Obituary	GEORGE J. BUKSA, BURIED THIS WEEK "Funeral services for George Joseph Buksa, Sr., 57, who died Sunday at the Sacred Heart Hospital at Tomahawk, were held Tuesday morning at St. John the Baptist Church. The Rev. Robert Stock officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers were Carl Seidel, Ray Radtke, Stanley Rezutek, Ernest Golder, Andy Zondlo, and Fred Radtke. ¶ Born April 4, 1903, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, he came here with his parents in 1912 when they established a farm. ¶ In 1925, in partnership with his brother, Stanley, he opened a recreational parlor at the present site of the Becker Tavern. They operated until Stanley's death in 1931, when Mr. Buksa took up the farming of the Buksa homestead, in which he engaged until several months ago, when he became ill. He was married April 26, 1930, to Helen Bucki. ¶ He was a former member of the Town of Rib Lake Board of Trustees, served as census enumerator for the area since 1940, and was appointed Town Assessor in 1960.	The reference to the Buksa homestead was to the Rib Lake lakeshore on the mainland, just south of Pine Island. The reference to the Becker Tavern is to the Bird's Nest Tavern, 729 McComb Ave, otherwise known as Lot 9, Block D, McComb's Racing Park Addition.	
2/16/1961 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Surviving are a daughter, Bette, Mrs. Walter Schwarz, Milwaukee; three sons, George, Jr., Richard and Michael, and his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Swider, at home. Other survivors are three sisters; Mary, Mrs. Walter Wido, Dearborn, Michigan; Ann, Mrs. Ben Fuchs, and Nellie, Mrs. Donald Beals, of Detroit, Michigan; and a brother, Joe Swider; and 6 grandchildren."		
2/23/1961	Obituary	FRED ZUEGE, 78, FATALLY HURT BY NEIGHBOR'S CAR "Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church for Fred Zuege, 78, a long-time resident of the area, who was killed instantly at 7:30 p.m. last Friday when struck by an automobile on Highway 102 near his home northeast of the Village. ¶ The Rev. Henry C. Gieschen officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers were George, Andy and Frank Zondlo, Charlie Kalk, Mike Schwartz, and Victor Kohn. ¶ Mr. Zuege was walking on the south side of the road, having come from the lane on his farm property, when he was struck by a car being driven by a neighbor, Norman Kutzke, who was also east-bound. He was thrown about 80 feet. ¶ Kutzke told investigating officers that he did not see Mr. Zuege until he heard the thud against his car. Kutzke was not questioned extensively immediately, and he has been in ill health, and was treated at his home by Dr. Robert L. Pettera for shock. ¶ Marlin Egle, county traffic officer, investigated, and Coroner James Amo also was called.	The Zuege farm was on the south end of Zuege Rd., Sec. 25, T33N-2E.	
2/23/1961 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Mr. Zuege was born in Kewaunee County on Nov. 13, 1882, and came to Rib Lake in 1912 to take employment as an engineer at the lumber mill. His wife, to whom he was married on March 7, 1905, died in April, 1952. ¶ They lived on a farm about a mile out of town, which was farmed by him and his two sons, Lavern, Town of Rib Lake Clerk, and Irvin, who, with a sister, Mrs. Lena Manthum, are the only survivors. ¶ The death brought the county traffic accident toll to 6 for the year."		
2/23/1961	Spirit Lake & Law	STATE RULES AGAINST TOWN IN SPIRIT LAKE DISPUTE OVER LEVEL "Application of the Town of Spirit to maintain the present high water level of Spirit Lake by leaving the dam on the Spirit River outlet in its present condition has been denied by the Public Service Commission. ¶ The Herald did not receive any official notice of the action, but a number of individuals reported hearing it on radio and television news reports. ¶ The announcement said the Commission had ordered the water level returned to the 93.77 foot level, which was established by the original order granting the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association authority to construct the dam about 10 years ago.	In 2008, the dam is still in place but without the wings. The wings were removed in conformity with this order. About 1995, the public boat landing was constructed one-half mile south of the dam.	
2/23/1961 (cont)	Spirit Lake & Law (cont)	¶ The present level, according to the Commission's own findings, is around 94.18 feet, being raised by the attachment of additions to the sides, which created a practical fish ladder, in the center. The Club transferred ownership of the dam and adjacent property to the Town of Spirit last spring. It is understood that the Commission's adverse ruling will enable the town to achieve its objectives of maintaining the high level by condemnation proceedings. ¶ The Town plans to establish a public boat access and picnic grounds at the site of the dam."		

2/23/1961	Sheep & Agriculture	SHEEP HERDERS TO MEET "Taylor County Sheep Herders Association will hold its annual meeting at the Medford Courthouse Ag Room Thursday evening, March 2, at 8:00. Election of officers, 1961 land pool dates, and purchase and supplies cooperatively, will be the main items up for discussion. ¶ Officers of the Association are Forest Taylor, president; Lawrence Tlusty, vice president; and Frank Baumgartner, secretary-treasurer, all from Medford."	In 2008, the Lawrence and James Tlusty sheep ranch, Section 15, Town 33 North, Range 1 East, 2 miles west of Westboro, is still in operation. It is a rare success story growing out of the desire to create sheep farms out of the cut-over. ¶ From the nearby Rindt fire tower, you can gaze upon the Tlusty sheep ranch to see spectacular glacial landscape. The grazing has removed any trees from the high hills. The scene reminds me of the high plains of western South Dakota.	
3/2/1961	Spirit Lake & Law	MORE ON SPIRIT DAM "The State Public Service Commission's order, which last week denied application of the Town of Spirit to raise and enlarge the Spirit Lake dam, and thereby increase the previously ordered water level, set 93.1 feet as the minimum level for the lake, and 93.6 as the maximum level. ¶ The state ordered the town to remove the cap on the dam, but did say it would allow the maintenance of flashboards at the sides of the dam, during periods of low flow, so that the flow could be concentrated near the center of the spillway. ¶ But the permanent 5-inch raise, which the Town had sought, is definitely out."		
3/2/1961	Law	ELECT PETER SEIDL COUNTY JUDGE [Advertisement] "An important message to voters of Taylor County. On April 4 you will elect a new county judge for a term of 6 years to take office January 1, 1962. He will: decide all cases, civil or criminal, now heard before Justices of the Peace..."	New state legislation had stripped Justices of the Peace of nearly all of their former considerable powers. In the past, Rib Lake Justices of the Peace heard and decided, for example, criminal cases. Accordingly, the Village of Rib Lake had its own jail.	
3/9/1961	Businesses & Westboro	WESTBORO WOOD PRODUCTS LTD [Photograph displayed on front page of the Herald] "Here is the county's newest industrial plant, a poultry bedding factory at Chelsea, which is being operated by Westboro Wood Products, Ltd. ¶ The steel structure, recently completed, is located on a railroad spur at Chelsea. The main building is 130 x 28 feet, and it has a 25 x 48 foot addition. ¶ Production was started last week, and the plant has a capacity of 25 cords of pulpwood in an 8-hour day. The pulp is fed into a chipper, which reduces it to proper size, and dryer dries this wood, and it is blown into a bin ready for shipment. Five men are presently employed under the supervision of Gene Zalewski of Westboro, the manager. ¶ The material is suitable for bedding for animals and fowl, but is in special demand by the fastly-growing turkey-rearing industry in north-central Wisconsin.	The operation lasted about 10 years before failing. In 2008, the building still stands just north of the Fischer Creek Road and east of the former Soo Line railroad tracks in Section 36, Town 33 North, Range 1 East, Town of Westboro.	
3/9/1961 (cont)	Businesses & Westboro (cont)	¶ The firm was formed by 10 area residents, interested in a literal "self-help" plan of industry for the area. They include Robert Holtz of Deer Creek, president; Zalewski, vice president and manager; Gilbert Krug, Whittlesey, treasurer; Joe Tuss, county agent and executive of the county industrial development committee, which assisted in the organization and planning, secretary; Forrest Taylor, Russ Anderson and Robert Klinner, Medford; and Joe O'Brien, Al Kobiellush, and Ben Seidel, Westboro."		
3/9/1961	History - 3/9/1961 & Spirit & Stone Lake	SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET "The Town of Spirit was shaken to its roots, Thursday night last, when members of the Historical Society presented "Findings" on the pioneer settlers there. ¶ Roy Meier, not the least proud descendant of community founders, served as master of ceremonies. A program of research papers, and informal talks, was led off by Roger Nyberg, great-grandson of Major Isaac Stone, who came to the Spirit River country in 1860, before the land was marked by government surveyors. His homestead lot, picked in 1896, later marked him as the first homesteader in Price County, whose actual boundaries were formed 11 years later from parts of Lincoln and Chippewa Counties. ¶ Other speakers on the program of March 2, 100 years later, included Mrs. Jennie Ahl, Miss Violet Marheine, Larry Andreae, Mrs. Pearl Johnson, John Skagerberg, George Oman, Mrs. Ruth Swenson, Eddie Scheller, Willie Nelson, and Mr. Meier, pioneer descendants all.	I believe the reference to the Thums family as being members of the original Spirit German Settlement to be in error. The Thums family were certainly pioneers, but they settled first southwest of the Village of Rib Lake; the Thums family are pioneers in the area around St. Ann's Church in the Town of Greenwood. I suspect that Lillian Clifford, in writing the article for the Herald, made the mistake of including the Thumses as pioneers of the Spirit country.	
3/9/1961 (cont)	History - 3/9/1961 & Spirit & Stone Lake (cont)	¶ After 1870, lured by the scent of virgin pine, loggers moved up the Spirit River to raid the forests and send the pulp back down the riverway into the mighty Wisconsin River. The highway of the day was a tote road from the county seat of Jenny [modern day Merrill] through the New Wood land up to Spirit. Jenny later became the City of Merrill. (and now we wish she'd kept the charm of her first christening name. Such is progress.) ¶ By 1873, the Wisconsin Central Railroad had uncoiled as far northward as Macky's Spur, adjacent to now Highway 13, between Westboro and Ogema. Then the homesteaders followed this easier trail. Willie Nelson described his grandfather, Aron Nelson's labors in working on the railroad right-of-way, and in clearing the land for the City of Phillips. ¶ Still surviving the rugged winter of 1879, when she was born in a leaky log cabin home, is Mrs. Axel Larson, or Agnes, daughter of the Alfred Johnsons. She recalls a long winter spent at Isaac Stone's camp, where her mother was a cook, and the spring happiness of getting back to her own family's cabin (leaky or not), and the toys she wintered without.	Roy R. Meier's "German Settlement History" can be found on the CDs of Rib Lake History: Documents & Photos, as Document #12656 and #11276. ¶ A spectacular map of the railroads, logging and tote roads, drawn by H.C. Rhody and Joe Levine, is Document #12648.	

3/9/1961 (cont)	History - 3/9/1961 & Spirit & Stone Lake (cont)	¶ In the same year of 1879 came the Fred Marheine family home from Oshkosh, not that the move was a new idea to them. Coming to this country from Germany in 1860, Fred, Sr., served in the Civil War. Later he and Fred, Jr., made a scouting trip into the Spirit area, chose some ideal land, and spent many years curing it, and building a home. ¶ The Rhineholt Marheines occupy the solid old homestead, the third of five generations to enjoy its shelter. ¶ Be it noted the Fred Marheines walked to Jenny and back to cast their votes at election time, and to Wausau to collect their logging money due! ¶ Sigfried Meier was perhaps the first to settle in or begin the German Settlement territory. His enthusiasm caused him to return to Germany and entice the Thums, Martwicks, Kruegers, Mantheys, and other families to come over. These Germans were horticulturalists as the apple trees in that area commemorate. Their children were instructed to always plant their apple cores. Prosperity enjoys the fruits of their obedience. ¶ Sigfried Meier served in the Civil War, also.		
3/9/1961 (cont)	History - 3/9/1961 & Spirit & Stone Lake (cont)	¶ Around 1880, accounts of this promising homestead land reached into Sweden. Along came the Magnusons, Danielsons, Nelsons, Johnsons, Petersons, Andersons, and many others. The beautiful country around Stone Lake was favored by them. ¶ It is notable, or characteristic, that hardship of a kind we can hardly dream of, did not freeze out good citizenship. Civil, county, and town government officers were ably filled, did not go neglected. For instance, Charles B. Nelson served as a member of the Price County board when there were only three members. This would take more courage than fending off bears, we guess. After other public service jobs, he "retired" to being Spirit Postmaster for 44 years. ¶ Scanning the notes on the Anton Andreae and the Carl Scheller families, we find that popular sport of walking accented again. But how else tote staples back and forth from Ogema? It seems significant that the Andreaes got oxen as soon as feasible, and that much later, a Scheller purchased one of the first automobiles in the region.		
3/9/1961 (cont)	History - 3/9/1961 & Spirit & Stone Lake (cont)	Reads a Scheller memo: "Grandmother would carry coffee from the camp to where the new home was a building. Later they carried a cook stove 3-1/2 miles on their backs to their new home." ¶ The Andreaes sought to solve the tote problem by opening a store in their house. C.B. Nelson later opened a store, too. We told you there was a "good thinking" in this bunch. ¶ But for a final touch, and if only we had space to go on and on, about the Good Ole Days (1885), consider this notation on Hillmer Olson, penned by his son, Edwin. "At the first logging camp where he worked, Spirit Falls, he received \$16 a month. But by spring when they settled up, old Gil gave him \$18 because he had a family." Signed L.P.C.		
3/9/1961	Rib Lake - Village	BUSINESS CLUB IN OF NEW LIGHTING ON MAIN STREET "The possibility of a new Main Street lighting system was discussed again informally by members of the Rib Lake Commercial Club at their monthly meeting ¶ E.L. Allman, Phillips, district superintendent for the Lake Superior District Power Company, a guest, said that tests conducted by engineers about a year ago, indicated that new steel standards with the Mercury vapor system lights, could be erected on Main Street, at a net cost of about \$4,700 to the village. A similar fluorescent lighting system would cost around \$7,000. ¶ These figures were based on 18 standards, which would be staggered and would extend from the north end of Main Street to the National Hotel corner..."	"Main Street" is, technically and properly, McComb Ave. See my comments for the entry on 8/27/1959.	
3/23/1961	Spirit & Politics	ARTHUR JOHNSON WILL RETIRE AFTER 31 YEARS "Arthur Johnson, who has served as chairman of the Town Board of Spirit for 31 years, declined to accept the nomination again at the recent town caucus, and Roy Meier was nominated his successor, to run without formal opposition at the election. ¶ Meier has been active in town affairs, having served as a side supervisor under Johnson for some 10 years, and having been road boss of the town for about 14 years. ¶ Harry Evans and Gerhart Erickson, incumbents, were nominated for side supervisors, and will be opposed by Albert Meier and Benny Swanson. ¶ Clarence Nyberg and Dennis Meyer, will seek the job of assessor to succeed Willie Nelson, who was not a candidate for re-election. Herman Ernst, veteran clerk, George Oman, treasurer, and Constable Vernon Reimann, will have no opposition for re-election."	A town caucus is a meeting of town residents to choose candidates for town elections, e.g. town chairperson. A motion and second puts the candidate's name on the ballot for the spring election. ¶ The caucus system avoids the need for nomination papers.	
4/6/1961	Rib Lake - Village & Politics	MANNEL IS ASSESSOR "Kenneth Mannel was elected assessor for the Village of Rib Lake as the successful climax of a brief write-in campaign conducted before Tuesday's election. ¶ His 102 write-in votes was a majority of those cast, for a total of 14 candidates, whose names were written in as possible successors to Henry Rosenfeldt, who was not a candidate for re-election. ¶ Rosenfeldt was second, however, receiving 35; George Buksa had 18, and Alfons Mitchell, 11. The remainder of 1, 2 and 3 votes went to such assorted individuals as Oscar Olson, Frank Becker, Ray Becker, Cy Claussen, Emil Miller, Sr., Barney Cihasky, Ed Stamm, Frank Yanko, Martin Johnson, and Bud Glenzer. ¶ Other village officers were unopposed for re-election. They include John Eckhoff, president, 202 votes; Mrs. Elsa Juse, clerk-treasurer, 225; Millard Kapitz, supervisor; to retain Frank Yanko, Justice of the Peace, 233; trustees Ray Becker, 200; Wayne Bullis, 207, and John Schreiner, 211."	These were the days before professional assessors. Ken Mannel was the popular local mortician.	

4/6/1961	Businesses & Banks	PLAN UNDERWAY FOR ORGANIZATION OF CREDIT UNION "By Joseph M. Dorf, Field Representative, Wisconsin Credit Union League. ¶ It was my pleasure to meet with a group of businessmen of Rib Lake on a recent afternoon to discuss the organization of a credit union for the community. In discussing the various avenues of service that this non-profit organization provides, it was explained that the credit union is an organization of people already united by a common bond, who pool their financial assets and borrow from it for prominent, productive purposes. ¶ The credit union is operated by its members, limited to serving its members only. In Wisconsin, it is supervised by the state banking department. ¶ The credit union is operated for the members by officials elected from the membership. Credit unions encourage members to save by making it easy and as convenient as possible. All eligible persons are welcomed as members, including the children. Good returns are paid on your money through dividends, which would never be paid if you kept your money in the kitchen clock..	The organizational drive was successful. In 2008, the Lakewood Credit Union has an attractive office at 1003 Railroad Street, Rib Lake; it occupies the site of the old National Hotel in the southwest corner of Railroad and Second Street.	
4/6/1961 (cont)	Businesses & Banks (cont)	¶ The organizational meeting will be held at the New Lake Theatre next Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. A film, entitled "People of Kolevu," will be shown at 7:30 sharp. Coffee and donuts will be served. Why don't you make it a point to attend this interesting meeting and see how a credit union can help you. See you April 11. Bring your friends!"		
4/13/1961	Fire & Rib Lake - Town	FIRE RAZES FARM HOME "Fire, which apparently was caused by a faulty chimney, razed the Henry Schabel farm home in the Town of Rib Lake early Sunday morning. ¶ The farm is located about 1/2 mile west of Shaddock's Highway C tavern. ¶ The call to the volunteer fire department came at about 1:20 a.m., and by the time the truck arrived, the flames were coming through the roof, and it was impossible to save the building, according to Chief Ed Martin. ¶ Schabel, who was alone, said he was awakened by the smoke, and was unable to call immediately, because of the smoke's density. The call for the truck came from the nearby Ed Bohte farm. ¶ Martin reported that the firemen were able to save a small amount of household furnishings, carrying them from out the first floor of the 2-story house. ¶ The department truck also made a run at about 3:25 p.m. Saturday to the former Kroll house on Highway C across from the [Rib Lake] town hall to extinguish a fire in a small barn. The unused building was about half consumed by flames before they were extinguished. Carl Jacobs occupies the home on the property."	Shaddock's Highway C tavern stood on the southwest corner of Wood Creek Ave. and CTH C. It was later owned by Otto Ratz. In 2008, it's a hunting clubhouse.	
4/13/1961	Clubs/Orders	CATHOLIC MOTHERS NAME OFFICERS "Mrs. Robert Pettera was elected secretary, and Mrs. Curtis Patrick, vice president, of the Christian Mothers Confraternity at a meeting Tuesday evening in the church hall. Hostesses were Mrs. Clarence Banks, Mrs. Ray Becker, Mrs. Robert Becker, and Mrs. Ed Bohte. Hold-over officers of the group are Mrs. Ray Becker, president; and Mrs. Vincent Hohl, treasurer.."		
4/20/1961	Politics	TONY SOTAK IS NEW CHAIRMAN OF BOARD "Tony Sotak, Town of Pershing, was elected president of the Taylor County Board of Supervisors as the annual spring meeting got underway at Medford on Tuesday. ¶ Sotak succeeds Supervisor Millard Kapitz, Rib Lake, who was not a candidate for re-election. ¶ A half-dozen ballots were needed to elect Sotak over Joe Sweda, current vice president, who represents the Town of Roosevelt. ¶ Kapitz is the oldest board member in point of service, having been a supervisor since 1935, with the exception of several years during the war period. He had served as vice chairman previously and had served 14 terms as chairman. ¶ One new member from this area, Chairman Ernest Tervi, Town of Westboro, was among those attending the session, expected to last two or three days."		
4/20/1961	Entertainment & Businesses	THEATRE TO OPEN THIS WEEKEND "The New Lake Theatre, which has been dark for about 15 months, will reopen Friday night and will operate on weekends. ¶ Harold Schlais of Gad, who operated the theatre previously, has leased the building from the Rib Lake Theatre Company, and will present three performances regularly at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sundays. ¶ The opening show this weekend will be the "Magnificent Seven," starring Yule Brynner and Steve McQueen, star of "The Rifleman" television show. ¶ Schlais says he believes the venture will be successful, at least during the spring, summer and fall months, and the number of shows and times may be changed in keeping with the public response ¶ The theatre business, in general, has been picking up. Mediocre television entertainment, the fact that many TV shows now are repeats, and that summer visitors always enjoy the movies, are added factors leading to resumption of the motion picture business in Rib Lake."	The New Lake Theatre stood in the SE corner of McComb and Landall. It was constructed in 1946. The old Lake Theatre, originally built by the owners of Johnson's Hardware, stood on Lot 11, Block C, McComb's Racing Park Addition to the Village of Rib Lake; in 2008, it is the site of the Legion park and war memorial. The old Lake Theatre burned on 2/10/1946.	

4/20/1961	Businesses & Banks	NEW CREDIT UNION FOR COMMUNITY ASSURED "Preliminary steps towards the organization of the Lakewood Credit Union, a self-help financial group, which will cover Rib Lake and the surrounding area, were taken Tuesday night at a meeting at the New Lake Theatre. ¶ Twelve residents of the community signed the incorporation papers, and these will be forwarded to the State Banking Department, which is expected to issue the group a charter within a short time....¶ Signing the incorporaton charter papers were Robert Melaski, Rueben Krings, Melvin Theilig, Ervin Mayer, Mrs. Violet Nelson, Paul Hohl, Edward Peterson, Leroy Stewart, George Buksa, Duane Warner, Kenneth Hein, and Louis Graf. Harlan Holtz of Medford, secretary-manager of the Farmers Union Credit Union, who officially was listed as the organizer, served the meeting as secretary. ¶ The group tentatively voted, as the territory in which the new credit union will operate, to include the Village, the Towns of Rib Lake, Westboro, Greenwood, and Chelsea in Taylor County, and the Towns of Spirit, Hill, Ogema and Knox in Price County...	These efforts were very successful. Today the Lakewood Credit Union has an attractive office at 1003 Railroad Street - the old National Hotel site.	
4/20/1961 (cont)	Businesses & Banks (cont)	¶ Briefly, here's how it will work: any individual in the union territory may join by buying a \$5 share and paying a 25 cent entry fee. Every member has one vote. Savings pay a minimum interest for a dividend of 3% - loans are made at an interest rate of 1% on the unpaid balance of the loan. ¶ Deposits of up to \$2,000 have the same amount of life insurance - in other words, if a depositer dies, his estate will receive not only his deposit, but a like sum, in insurance up to \$2,000..."		
4/20/1961	Rib Lake - Village & Forest, Wood	15,000 EVERGREEN TREES COMING FOR PLANTING IN AREA "State approval for the planting of 15,000 evergreen trees, along Highway 102 in and near the village, has been received by the Rib Lake Commercial Club, and the work is expected to get underway early in May. ¶ Elmer Taylor, chairman of the committee, said the highway officials have approved the planting of trees along both sides of Highway 102 from the intersection of old Highway 102, near Vlach's tavern, into the village, and from the Upjohn corners to the village limits, generally known as Pfeiffer's corners. ¶ In addition, a large number of trees will be planted on village-owned land bounded roughly by Highway 102, the Tannery Creek, the Lutheran church property, the blacksmith shop, and the alley running south to the Sinclair station. ¶ The village board has agreed to assist by providing necessary bulldozing services, and the trees will be planted by a machine, which is owned by, and the use of which will be donated by, the Stewart Lumber and Fuel Company.	Probably more than any other single act, these successful tree-planting efforts in the village have brought and maintained a pleasant grace to our village and approaches.	
4/20/1961 (cont)	Rib Lake - Village & Forest, Wood (cont)	¶ Three men are needed to plant the trees with a mechanical planter, Taylor said, and he will draft a schedule, calling for volunteer work by members of the Commercial Club, who approved a long-range planting program at their last meeting. ¶ The trees are 4-year-old transplants, and there will be 10,000 Norway pine and 5,000 white spruce in the shipment, expected to arrive from the state nursery in May. The trees will be mixed together, for planting, with twice as many pine as spruce being allocated to any one given area. ¶ Several rows of pine trees, which were planted along the new highway from Main Street north and east to the creek less than 10 years ago, have now matured sufficiently to form a natural snowfence along the road, as well as to partially hide the bleak "flats" area nearby."		
4/20/1961	Schools	COUNTY SPELLING CONTEST REVEALS VICISSITUDES CAN GET BOISTEROUS "'Vicissitude' was the word which broke a long and highly-competitive county spelling match at the county teachers college last Saturday. ¶ Sharon Nezval, 8th grade pupil at Rib River school, spelled the word correctly after Sheldon Mayer, 8th-grader from Westboro, misspelled it. Sharon then went onto spell "boisterous" correctly. ¶ As a result of her victory, she will represent the county in a state-wide spelling bee at Madison on April 29. She was runner-up in the same contest, as a 7th-grader, a year ago. ¶ Sharon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nezval, Route 1, and Sheldon, the alternate, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mayer, Jr. of Westboro. Both winners are taught by men - Sharon by George Hirsch of Rib Lake, and Sheldon by Frank Szomi at Westboro..."		
4/20/1961	Businesses & Harper Lakes	NEW OWNERS READYING LAKE RESORT "Mr. and Mrs. Carl Duenkel, new owners of Harper Lake Resort, have moved here from West Bend and are now living in one of the cottages there with their two children. He is busy making needed repairs around the place."	This popular resort was on the eastern end of North Harper lake.	
4/27/1961	Environment	RIB LAKE #2 ISLAND [Photograph shows island on north shore of Rib Lake] "Rib Lake's #2 island, formed about 9 years ago near the northwestern shoreline, took off on a journey last week. ¶ It moved along the north shoreline and then towards the south, where it has come to rest last Saturday, when this photo was taken, near the Copper Creek outlet, near the cemetery. ¶ The island was created by filling, which failed to remain in the place it was dumped, when a solid base for a section of new Highway 102, near the old high school, was being sought by the state. ¶ It sported a growth of underbrush and remained in the same location until last week, when its peregrinations started. ¶ It was once called "Elmer Taylor's Island," as he sought to sell it to the state, claiming that its unwanted presence could be compensated by the financial help from the state on the Rib Lake dam. Needless to say, the state didn't see it that way. ¶ Now the lake experts say the floating bog should be broken up and towed to the dam site, where it might be of some use in helping to keep the water at a proper level."	Island #1 was, of course, Pine Island.	

4/27/1961	Businesses	GOLDEN AGE HOME HAS NEW OWNERS "The Golden Age Nursing Home has been sold by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ford, Rhinelander, who established it two years ago, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hon, Fairchild. ¶ The Hons have worked for the past 8 years at the Sunset Home in Fairchild. They announce that Miss Esther Ferguson will continue as manager, and there will be no change in personnel or policies. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Ford, who own nursing homes at Rhinelander and Birnamwood, gave reasons of health for regretfully relinquishing the Rib Lake establishment. ¶ The local home opened in January, 1959, in the former Central Hotel building on Railroad Street, operated many years by Henry Mathias. The building was completely renovated before the conversion into a nursing home, and has operated at capacity for some time, now having 40 residents and a staff of 13 employees."		
4/27/1961	Entertainment & Education	POST-PROM PARTY - EVERYONE AGREES IT WAS WONDERFUL "Post-prom party affair was served up in style last Friday after midnight, when 27 couples adjourned at the close of the junior class dance in the high school gym to the Chelsea Conservation Clubhouse for a banquet, further dancing, and top entertainment. ¶ Dr. Robert L. Pettera was chairman of this first party venture, which was sponsored by the Commercial Club and the Twentieth Century Club for the benefit of high school students who wished to attend at a nominal charge. ¶ A four-course chicken dinner was served upon arrival at the clubhouse, and Mueller Brothers, Medford, furnished music. Two performances by "Kismet," professional magician from Three Lakes, who performed at the famed Northernaire Resort during the summer season, scored his usual hit. ¶ Mrs. Elmer Taylor was chairman of the pre-arrangements committee, which made preparations at the clubhouse the afternoon of the party...		
4/27/1961 (cont)	Entertainment & Education (cont)	¶ The evening committee detailed to the kitchen, serving as waiters, minding the refreshments and the snack "bar," and generally making things go, include Dr. Pettera, Dr. Powers, Elmer Taylors, Duane Warners, Bud Freeks, Bob Melaskis, Wayne Bullises, Dick Upjohns, Myson Hansons, Clarence Toppelts, Ed Priens, Mrs. Ray Becker, Mrs. Erwin Mayer, Don Meyer, Kenneth Mannel, and Leroy Stewart. ¶ The second performance of Kismet ended shortly before 5:00 a.m., after which a breakfast menu was on tap and scheduled to be served. But the promenaders, filled to the brim with food, fun and frolic, of a dazzling all-night session, politely declined. ¶ Their souvenir menu programs, printed in maroon and gray, would serve to remind them of the one thing they missed in a memorable evening."		
4/27/1961	Law	MAY 1 IS "LAW DAY" [Advertisement by Taylor County Bar Association] "Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe...let it be taught in schools...let it be written in primers...A. Lincoln. ¶ On tomorrow's national leaders, the youth of America, rests a solemn duty to honor and uphold for future generations the laws of our nation, state, and our community."		
4/27/1961	Obituary & Harper Lakes & Businesses	GEORGE L. SEIDEL, PROMINENT CIVIC LEADER, STRICKEN "George L. Seidel, 64, member of a pioneer Rib Lake family, and active in business, civic and religious life in the community for many years, died last Saturday morning at the Sacred Heart Hospital of a heart attack. ¶ He had been taken to the hospital Thursday after sustaining the attack at his home on the Harper Lake Road, and appeared to be improving, before a sudden turn for the worse came. ¶ Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The Rev. Robert Stock officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, the local American Legion Post conducting military rites. Funeral services had been held at the Taylor Funeral Home on Tuesday evening. ¶ Pallbearers were his brothers, Carl, Anton, and Leonard, Rib Lake; Ben, Westboro; Ray, Madison, and John, Milwaukee. ¶ Born in Rib Lake May 28, 1896, he was a son of Charles and Anna Schneider Seidel. His grandfather established the Seidel farm across the lake from the village in 1884.	The historic Seidel farm was located in the southeast corner of Holden Road and Timber Drive, the NE 1/4, Section 35, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. ¶ Seidel's cottages on North Harper Lake lasted into the 1970's before being converted into private homes, or lake lots. In 2008, the site is the home for individuals, including Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Spellman, and Drs. Mark Temme and Cathy Miller-Temme, W3112 Rustic Road #1.	
4/27/1961 (cont)	Obituary & Harper Lakes & Businesses (cont)	¶ He served with the Navy in WWI, and in the mid-20's, took over the old Kelnhofer grocery store, which he ran for 25 years before selling it to Bud's IGA 10 years ago. In 1926, he was married to Mildred Kelnhofer, who died a few months later. He was married to Theresa Yost April 18, 1938, in Chicago. In the same year he built and opened Seidel's Resort on North Harper Lake, which he still operated. ¶ Active in community affairs, Mr. Seidel was a past president of the village board, past president of trustees for St. John the Baptist Church, former member of the Taylor County Board, past president of the Commercial Club, served as jury commissioner for the Rib Lake area for the past 20 years, and was a member of the Holy Name Society. He was a past commander of the Rib Lake American Legion Post, of which he was an early member. ¶ Survivors are a wife, a step-son, Earl Walker, Milwaukee; two grandchildren; his 6 brothers and three sisters. They are Agatha, Mrs. Tony Hohl, Baraboo; Anna, Mrs. Adolf Zellmer, and Agnes, Mrs. Fred Masch, Milwaukee. ¶ His parents and a brother, Leo, preceded him in death."		

5/4/1961	Entertainment	SMILING LADIES BOWLING CHAMPIONS [Photograph of 5 beaming lady bowlers.] "Tops among the ladies were members of Beckers Tavern team. Left to right, they are, Mrs. Don Mayer, Mrs. Pete Eckhoff, Mrs. Bob Becker, Mrs. Fred Becker, the sponsor, and Mrs. Myron Hanson."	The same edition of the Herald featured an article entitled "RUGGED AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPS American league winners were the 102 Tavern team, which defeated the runners-up, Coast-to-Coast, three times in succession to take the final victory. Left to right, the Keglers, are Joe Vlach, Adolf Vlach, Captain and sponsor, Frank Becker, Marvin Tauber, and Jughead Schreiner."	
5/4/1961	Entertainment	AND THE NATIONAL LOOP WINNERS --- [Photograph of 4 bowlers and 1 man.] "In the National League, Gene's D-X boys won the first half and then defeated Barney's Wreckers, second half, for the championship. Left to right, Joe Vlach, Ray Becker, Glenn Schirmer, Harold Schrader, and Billy Duchene, sponsor. Ken Mannel, the other member, was unable to be present for the picture."	Bowling was big in Rib Lake. Barney's Wreckers referred to the team sponsor, Barney Cihasky, d/b/a Barney's South Side Garage.	
5/4/1961	Businesses & Clubs/Orders	BUSINESSMEN PLAN SPRING WORK-BEE "Rib Lake businessmen planned an active summer of physical labor for those able, at their monthly dinner meeting Tuesday evening in the Little Bohemia Café. ¶ Volunteers were gathered last Wednesday night on the north lake shore to do some preliminary work towards spading the ground around the rose bushes, and ridding it of quack grass, in preparation for the blooming season. ¶ Another work-bee was set for next Tuesday evening, when preliminary work will be done on planting some 15,000 evergreen trees in and near the village. ¶ They scheduled a work-bee at Harper Lake beach in connection with their monthly meeting June 6, and agreed to help the volunteer fire department on a series of work-bees to be held at Tourist Park through the summer. ¶ Quick action on the rose bushes was deemed advisable, as they have had little care for the past several years. It was thought that if they could once be gotten in shape, and the area cleared off, then some early nearby resident can be hired to care for them the remainder of the season. Keith Zintz, the Rib Lake ag instructor, agreed to take his class there soon and give them a lesson on pruning.		
5/4/1961 (cont)	Businesses & Clubs/Orders (cont)	¶ The evergreen trees are scheduled to arrive from the state nursery next Monday, and the members thought it wise to start the hand planting that is necessary prior to later in the week, when the Stewart's machine-planter will be available. The village will do the necessary bulldozing. ¶ Work at the Harper Lake beach will include more filling, erection of a toilet building, painting and launching of the swimming raft, and other installations necessary for spring and summer seasons. The work-bee, called for 5:30 p.m., will be followed by supper, indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather, at the Harper Lake Resort. ¶ The Club voted to transfer some \$28 in its old City League baseball team account to the Pee-Wee League, and there apparently will be no city team this year. A letter of congratulations to Dale Lewis, former Rib Lake athlete and now national amateur heavy-weight wrestling champion, was approved. ¶ Dr. Robert Pettera reported on the social success of the post-prom party sponsored by the Club, and the Club continued the same committee to plan fundraising events for benefit of next year's party.		
5/4/1961 (cont)	Businesses & Clubs/Orders (cont)	¶ Guests introduced were Louis Graf and Vernon Hanke, by Melvin Theilig, and A.H. Ross, high school music instructor, by Ed Martin."		
5/11/1961	Environment & Rib Lake - Village	TREE PLANT PROJECT IS OFF TO START "The community tree-planting program project got away to a good start on Tuesday evening as a squad of about a dozen volunteers from the Commercial Club hand-planted approximately 1,500 trees - or approximately 1/10th of the supply, which arrived earlier in the day. ¶ Elmer Taylor, chairman of the committee in charge, announced that another volunteer-bee will be held this evening (Thursday), weather permitting, which should take care of the project until the Stewart planting machine is available for local use. ¶ The chairman pointed out that help on the project is by no means limited to members of the Commercial Club - that the assistance of any and every able-bodied citizen who is interested in the future appearance of the community, is sought. ¶ In the first evening, clumps of trees were planted along the lakeshore, from Copper Creek around to Highway 102. It was thought advisable to plant them in clumps, so as not to mar the view of the lake.	The Herald also reported: "More than a half million trees to be planted soon." This article recounted that more than a half million trees will be planted in Taylor County this spring. Planting included 100,000 trees in the Chequamegon National Forest, but the majority of trees were to be planted on private land. At that time, the federal government funded a cost-share program that largely paid for the costs of the trees and machine planting - on private land.	
5/11/1961 (cont)	Environment & Rib Lake - Village (cont)	¶ A few trees also were planted in the front part of the Tourist Park, and others planted along Tannery Creek, from the Fayette bridge around to Highway 102, on the edge of the school baseball diamond. ¶ Another beautification project, that of trimming and cultivating the rose bushes along the north shore of Rib Lake, got started last Wednesday evening. Only a half dozen volunteers were present, but they were able to clear and clean up about a third of the bushes. The high school ag class assisted with pruning them. Chairman Dick Upjohn said another bee will be held at the site, in the hope that the bushes will be in growing condition when the weather warms up."		

5/25/1961	Education & Schools	COUNTY COLLEGE HAS LARGE GRADUATING CLASS "Several students from this area are among the senior class of '42, which will be graduated from the Taylor County Teachers College in commencement exercises at the Medford Municipal auditorium on Saturday evening. ¶ The graduates include Sandra J. Polacek, and Arlene M. Nezval, both of Rib Lake; Patricia Seidel, Karene Stauber, and Mrs. Carol M. Kobielush, Westboro; and Patricia S. Schmoldt, Whittlesey. Mrs. Robert Becker of Rib Lake also is a special graduate student. ¶ Mrs. Anna Thorpe, county superintendent of schools, Chippewa Falls, will deliver the commencement address..Diplomas will be presented by Ernest Kohn, Westboro, president of the Teachers College Board."		
6/1/1961	J.J. Kennedy & Family & Obituary	EARLY RESIDENT DIES "Word has been received here of the death in Portland, Oregon, on May 17, of Donald Angus Kennedy, 84, member of one of the earliest Rib Lake families. ¶ Funeral services were held in the chapel at Riverview Cemetery, where he was buried. ¶ He was born in Spencer on Oct. 30, 1876, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy founded the first sawmill here in 1881. The son had been associated with his father in various lumbering activities prior to moving to Oregon in 1910. ¶ Surviving are the widow, Winifred, a brother, Burt Kennedy, and two sisters, Mrs. Nat McDougall, and Mrs. David Moffet Myers, all of Portland. Miss Anna Mae Kennedy of Rib Lake, and her brother, Harold, now in Canada, are cousins."	J.J. Kennedy was the founder of Rib Lake. I have compiled a 15-page biography on the various Kennedys entitled "Movers and Shakers: Cast of Characters to early Rib Lake History." You may access it by consulting the CDs of Rib Lake History: Documents & Photos, available at the Rib Lake Public Library, Document #12269.	
6/8/1961	People	WAYNE TLUSTY IS HONORED "Wayne Tlusty, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Tlusty, and junior student at the University of Wisconsin, has been awarded a \$100 Wisconsin Garden Club scholarship to apply during his senior year. Young Tlusty is majoring in commercial landscaping, training for future work in the field of civic, public, and industrial building grounds, their design and beautification."	In 2007, Wayne, now the president of the Village, headed a successful project of landscaping the village hall property.	
6/8/1961	Obituary	MRS. SOLDBERG BURIED "Funeral services for Mrs. George Soldberg, 53, who died May 30 in Milwaukee after a brief illness, were held at St. John the Baptist Church last Friday morning. The Rev. Robert Stock officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers were John and Stanley Kroll, William Niggemann, Alfons Mitchell, George Zondlo, and Frank Matyka. ¶ The former Helen Spoke was born in the Town of Hill, Feb. 2, 1908, and grew up on the farm there, near Camp 9, that the George Spokes homesteaded in 1916. She moved to Milwaukee in 1933, following her parents' death, and the disposition of the farm. In 1934, she was married to George Soldberg on Feb. 6, at Milwaukee. ¶ Surviving are her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Klisch, and three grandchildren."	In 2008, the Spokes family is commemorated by two place names, Spoke Hill and Spoke Road - the former Spoke farm includes Spoke Hill, in the NE 1/4 - NE 1/4, Section 34, Town 34 North, Range 2 East.	
6/15/1961	Church - United Methodist	NEW PASTOR COMING "The Rev. William Warner has been named the new Methodist pastor for Medford, Rib Lake, Spirit and Westboro, according to an announcement read at the West Wisconsin Annual Conference in Superior Friday evening by Bishop Ralph Taylor Alton. ¶ Mr. Warner succeeds the Rev. Gordon Welch, who has been assigned to Elsworth, Diamond Bluff, and Hartland. Mr. Warner has been serving Balsam Lake and Sentoria..."		
6/15/1961	People & Entertainment	WEEKLY WITH WALBECK "Catching up with Wiley Walbeck, local stock car stalwart, is no mean fete, be you behind him on track or typewriter. ¶ June 2, Adams-Friendship opens new 3/8 mile, asphalt racetrack, with 85-mile-an-hour built-in turns. Guess who "cut the first tape"? Walbeck. First, in feature race, second in time race, third in heat race. His '55 Chevy, "Little Screamer," broke the new trail. ¶ June 4, Wisconsin Rapids: third in time, heat and feature races. ¶ June 8, Wisconsin Rapids repeat: second in time race, with last season's Dangerous Dodge, then the brakes blew. ¶ June 11 at Rapids again, Little Screamer first in feature, fourth in time."	For years, Marlin Walbeck tore up the stock car racetracks.	
6/15/1961	Church - Catholic - St. John the Baptist	THE REV. DAVID N. KITTLESON, C.P.S. "The Rev. David N. Kittleson, son of Lloyd Kittlesons, will say his first solemn mass for his home parish - at St. John the Baptist, Sunday at 10:30 a.m. ¶ He was ordained last Sunday at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagen, Ohio, at 9:00 a.m. by the Most Rev. Paul F. Liebold, Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati, Ohio. The Rev. Robert Stock, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, was among those attending the ordination service..."		
6/22/1961	Obituary	LADDIE VLACH, 56, DIES FOLLOWING AN ILLNESS OF FOUR YEARS "Funeral services for Ladislav (Laddie) Vlach, 56, who was stricken suddenly at his home on Route 1 last Thursday, were held Monday afternoon at the Taylor Funeral Home. ¶ The Rev. Robert Stock officiated, and burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers were his brothers, Adolf, Fred, Joe, Emil, Rib Lake; James, Jr., Milwaukee; and his brother-in-law, Stanley Resudek, Rib Lake. ¶ Born June 11, 1905, at Rib Lake, the son of James and Dora Kapitz Vlach, he remained on the family farm during his lifetime. He worked as a maintenance man for the Rib Lake Dairy until 1957. He was unmarried. ¶ Survivors are his father, James Vlach, Sr., the brothers mentioned above, two other brothers, Andrew, Coloma, Michigan; and Dan, Healdsburg, California; and one sister, Vlasta, Mrs. Stanley Resudek..."		

6/29/1961	Businesses	ELMER J. TAYLOR IS PRESIDENT OF NEW AREA CREDIT UNION "The Lakewood Credit Union completed its organization details Monday night, and was opened for business. ¶ The new officials announced they will conduct an immediate drive for members, and will call on prospects. Those who are missed may contact any of the officers for further details. ¶ Those joining must pay an admission fee of 25 cents, plus making an initial investment of \$5. When sufficient funds are accumulated, loans will be made to those needing money for worthwhile purposes, at a low interest rate. ¶ Elmer Taylor was named president, George Zondlo, vice president, Duane Warner, secretary, George Buksa, treasurer, and Ernest Sunderlin, director at large. Members of the credit committee are Robert Melaski, Roy Stewart and Melvin Theilig.	In 1961, the Stewart Lumber Company occupied the old Rib Lake Lumber Company machine shop building in the southeast corner of STH 102 and McComb Ave.; in 2009, the site is Fischer Creek Pet Foods, 670 McComb Ave.	
6/29/1961 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ The officers and credit committee were elected unanimously on recommendation of a nominating committee composed of Ed Prien, Frank Becker, and Jack Budimlija. ¶ Office space for the union in the new office addition to the Stewart Lumber building, has been provided without charge, it was announced, and that all of the officers and credit committee, which makes the decision on all applications, will serve without remuneration."		
6/29/1961	Schools	RIB RIVER ORDERED ATTACHED TO RIB LAKE JOINT 1 SCHOOL DISTRICT "Only a small number of residents of the Joint School District #2, Towns of Rib Lake and Greenwood, appeared at a hearing Monday night at Rib River School, called by the county school committee for the purpose of acting upon a petition by a group of electors of the district. ¶ After deliberation on both sides of the issue, the joint county school committee met in executive session with the two school boards involved, and issued an order to dissolve Joint School District #2 of the Towns of Rib Lake and Greenwood, and attach it to the Joint School District #1, Rib Lake, effective July 28, 1961..¶ There was comparatively little opposition expressed to the attachment. The matter was brought more or less to a head by the new state law, which provides that all areas in the state must be included in a high school district by July of next year..."	The 2-room, Rib River school building stood, and still stands, on the east side of CTH C, 300-feet south of the Rib River. In 2008, the old school is the Wayne Schabel home, N6350 CTH C.	
6/29/1961	Church - Catholic - St. John the Baptist	20 IN CATHOLIC COMMUNICANT CLASS "First communicants at St. Johns Catholic Church last Sunday included Judith Becker, Joan Bonde, Gregory Brahmer, Catherine Hanke, Jean Hanke, Timothy Eckhoff, James Hebda, Joan Niggemann, Sandra Olson, John Olson, Christina Duenkel, Duane Quednow, Catherine Rezutek, Randall Sackman, Dean Strobach, Laura Thums, Charles Turba, Daniel Wilhelms, Michael Waszkiewicz, and Myrna Yanko."		
7/6/1961	Law	HERB CURRAN "Herb Curran, whose ill health recently forced him to retire after practically an adult lifetime as a law enforcement officer, has the satisfaction of knowing that his two sons are following in his footsteps. ¶ Shown above is Herb, now 77, and his son, Harry, Chief of Police at Medford, and the adjacent picture is that of Clarence, better known as "Boots," who was a member of the Milwaukee Police Dept. for the past 19 years. He is now a motorcycle officer. ¶ The elder Curran first became Village Marshal in 1913, having come to Rib Lake in 1893, at the age of 6, with his folks, the John Currans, from Nova Scotia. His father was among a number of young Irishmen brought to the community by the Shaw family, when they established the tannery here.	Fayette Shaw, founder of the Rib Lake Tannery, gave his name to Fayette Ave.	
7/6/1961 (cont)	Law (cont)	¶ In the late 20s, Herb served as under sheriff to Sheriffs George Bair and Charles Stellick, and he was later elected sheriff for two terms, from 1939 until 1941. A nephew, Marlin Curran, the present Taylor County under sheriff, also is a former sheriff. ¶ Following his retirement as full-time Village Marshal several years ago, he served as relief marshal until his illness several months ago."		
7/13/1961	Spirit Lake & Law	STATE GRANTS POSTPONEMENT ON SPIRIT LAKE WATER LEVEL RULING "An extension through the summer of the State Public Service Commission order to remove the cap on the dam in the Spirit River outlet of the Spirit Lakes has been granted to the Town of Spirit. ¶ The action was taken by the Commission, on recommendation of the State Conservation Department, which will install a gauge at the dam so that the water level of the lake can be checked daily. ¶ The gauge will determine the extent to which the cap on the dam raises the water level. ¶ The gauge will be installed by the Conservation Department, according to Roy R. Meier, chairman of the Town of Spirit, and the town will be responsible for checking the level daily and reporting to the state each summer for the remainder of the summer and fall. ¶ The latest action comes as a result of an earlier visit to Madison by Chairman Meier, Chairman Fred Vlach of the Town of Rib Lake, Elmer Taylor and Herbert Magnuson, president of the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association, which built the dam and had title to it before it was turned over to the Town of Spirit..."		
7/30/1961	Law	E.J. KRUEGER, FEDERAL PROBATION OFFICER, RETIRES AT WAUSAU AT 70 "A native of Rib Lake, who became Wisconsin's First Federal Probation Officer, is retiring at Wausau, at the age of 70, after 27 years of service. ¶ He is Elmer J. Krueger, member of an early Rib Lake family, who spent his boyhood here, attended the local schools, and was engaged as an insurance salesman and timber broker before he went to Wausau in 1925. ¶ He worked for a finance company in Wausau until 1934, when Judge Patrick J. Stone appointed him to the new post, and for more than two years, handled federal probation matters in all of the 71 counties of the state..."		

8/3/1961	Obituary	MARTIN STEEN, SR. "Funeral services for Martin Steen, Sr., 86, who died at Sacred Heart Hospital, Tomahawk, Saturday, were held Tuesday afternoon at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Town of Greenwood. The Rev. Joseph Krubsack presided, and burial was in the Town of Greenwood cemetery. ¶ Mr. Steen had the distinction of having been confirmed, married, and buried in the church which he HELPED BUILD when a young boy. ¶ Pallbearers were Gerald Klemm, Erwin Steen, Neal Mueller, Eric Motte, Gaylon Steen and Marion Leader. ¶ Born Nov. 4, 1874, at Black Creek, he was married to the former Annie Klein on Apr. 22, 1902. She preceded him in death in November of 1960..."	In 2008, Emil Steen owns the Steen farm. At N5865 CTH C, it is one mile south of St. Peter's Lutheran Church	
8/3/1961	Obituary	MRS. HERMINE ZUTHER "Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church for Mrs. Max Zuther, 62, who died at Sacred Heart Hospital Sunday following a stroke. ¶ The Rev. Henry Gieschen officiated, and burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Pallbearers were Fred Freiboth, Alvin Dietzman, Charles Schmittfranz, Julius Gilge, Victor Kohn, and Fred Radtke. ¶ Born in Germany August 13, 1899, the former Hermine Hengst came to this county about 1910. She was married to Max Zuther July 2, 1924, in the Lutheran church here, the couple making their home on a farm east of the village, presently the Ninaus home. ¶ Survivors are two sons, Martin, Seattle, Washington; and Donald, Milwaukee; two daughters, Helen, Mrs. Joe Dyrce, and Eilene, Mrs. Duskin Budimlija; two brothers, August, Milwaukee; and Fred, Rib Lake; and two sisters, Mrs. Irene Sells, Milwaukee; and Alvira, Mrs. Joseph Casper, Milwaukee..."		
8/10/1961	Roads	CHANGE OF ROUTE IS PROPOSED FOR HIGHWAY 86 "Max Tuttle, District Engineer of the State Highway Commission, met with Price County highway committee recently to go over the plans for the re-routing of Highway 86 in the Towns of Hill and Spirit. ¶ According to present plans, the highway will be changed east of Ogema, starting at the intersection of CTH C from the north, to a point about 2-1/2 miles east near the Town of Spirit. ¶ According to the description, the route will be north of the Ring Hill Road and will be north of Tims Lake. Because of the difficult terrain, an aerial flight was used to determine the lay of the land, and the layout of a possible road in the best possible manner. ¶ The re-locating of Highway 86 has been figured best because of its narrowness, its hills, and its turns. Used by many pulp trucks during the winter months, travel was very difficult. ¶ According to Mr. Tuttle, the old Highway 86 will not be abandoned with the use of the new location. The road will revert to the towns, and will be maintained by them. The scenic portions of the road will remain and will be available to all who desire to travel the old highway."	In 2008, much of the old road is now a Rustic Road. In 1961, Timms Hill was not yet known as Wisconsin's highest natural point. Until c. 1975, both Tims Lake and the adjacent hill were spelled with one "m." Both were named for Timothy Gahan, an early pine logger. After the hill was officially recognized as Wisconsin's highest natural point, Roy Meier added another "m" to the name of the hill. It's been Timms Hill & Tims Lake ever since.	
8/10/1961	RLLC & Businesses	NEW MOTEL UNIT ASSURED FOR FORMER SITE ON THE LAKESHORE "Construction of a new 7-unit motel on the site of the former lumber mill on the west side of Rib Lake, has been assured. ¶ Bulldozing of the remaining walls of the old "fire hole" has been completed, as well as bulldozing of alley-way from Railroad Street north to Highway 102. ¶ The work is being done by Mrs. Roy Wagner of Milwaukee, whose late husband purchased the lakeshore property - four 100-foot lots - from Fred Schwarzrock, about a year ago. ¶ Schwarzrock felled the old smokestack on the property last October as part of the sale agreement, but further development of the property was delayed after Mr. Wagner's death last December. ¶ Mrs. Wagner said the two southern lots in the tract, which have been filled in with old brick and other debris from the fire hole building, will be the site of two rental cottages, construction of which will start soon.	The motel was never built. Instead, four private residences were constructed, including the Walbeck home, 650 Mill Lane.	
8/10/1961 (cont)	RLLC & Businesses (cont)	¶ The northern two lots, once the site of the sawmill itself, will also be filled in, and will be the site of the new circular-shaped motel, construction of which is expected to start early next spring. ¶ The four 100-foot lots are more than 300 feet deep, and extend from the lake itself back west to the alley, which the village is opening up. It will extend the water and sewer mains along the side of the alley, which apparently will be the main approach and anchor for the motel venture...."		
8/10/1961	Spirit & Roads	SPIRIT-GERMAN SETTLEMENT HIGHWAY 86 ROUTE CHANGE PLANNED "Driving to Ogema recently, we realized that the pulp trucks are beginning to roll again and were we happy to think that possibly by next year the truckers will have a new road, and the present 86 will remain a scenic highway for those of us who enjoy it so much. Outside of parks, there are very few roads as beautiful as that..."	I believe this was written by Helen Meier, nee Risberg; Helen was the always-cheerful, delightful wife of Roy R. Meier.	
8/17/1961	Rib Lake - Village	PROPERTY VALUE DROP IN VILLAGE IS \$72,000 "Assessed valuation of the Village of Rib Lake for 1961 is \$942,486, or \$72,797 less than last year. ¶ The biggest loss in the valuation is in personal property, and much of that can be attributed to the abandonment of the big cheese-wrapping operation of the Rib Lake Dairy Company by Armour, its parent concern..."	The August 24 edition of the Herald reported: "TOWN VALUATION ABOVE A MILLION. "The total assessed valuation of the Town of Rib Lake is \$1,000,955, a gain of \$17,975 over last year's valuation, according to Lavern Zuege, Town Clerk."	
8/24/1961	Businesses	SUMMER GUESTS [The Herald then printed a long list of at least 50 people who were spending time at four local resorts, Seidels and Harper Lake Resort, both on North Harper Lake; as well as Carlson's cottages on South Harper Lake, and Holly's Stone Lake Resort. ¶ Each of these facilities had individual cabins for rent.]		

8/24/1961	Environment & Rib Lake Fish & Game Assoc.	PLENTY OF TROUT FOUND IN RIVER "Two days of shocking tests on the Rib River last weekend revealed a satisfactory trout population, according to Bob Bredemus, Ladysmith, District Fish Manager of the Wisconsin Conservation Department, who supervised the tests. He was assisted by volunteers during the two days of work - most of them active members of the Rib Lake Fish & Game Association. ¶ Most of the testing was done in the neighborhood of the river and CTH M bridge. Areas both above and below the bridge were checked. ¶ In a formal report to Ed Thums, secretary of the sportsman organization this week, Bredemus reported that the checking revealed 202 German brown trout, ranging from 7-22" in length; 11 rainbow trout, 8.8-11.4" long; and 64 brook trout, from 3-12.5" in length. ¶ He said that many of the fish checked were the result of stocking during 1960 and 1961. These planted fish were identified from fins which had been clipped when they were planted. ¶ Assisting in the project were John Schreiner, Lorne Pracht, Ray Thums, Lee Waldhart, Jack Budimljia, Russell Kapitz, and Joe Lilly."		
8/24/1961	Obituary & Greenwood	HENRY PROBST BURIED "Funeral services were held at Kenosha on Monday of last week for Henry W. Probst, 66, a former Rib Lake resident, who died the previous Tuesday in a Veterans hospital at St. Petersburg, Florida. ¶ Mr. Probst was a brother of Joe Probst, Rib Lake, who, with his daughter, Mrs. Ray Becker, and Mrs. Harold Schrader, attended the services in Kenosha. ¶ He was born in the Town of Greenwood on June 5, 1895, and after serving in WWI, returned here and built the Wellington Lake dance pavilion in the early 20's, and operated it for several years. He was married here on January 18, 1920, to Miss Agnes Hoffer. ¶ He moved to Kenosha in 1930, operating a blacksmith and welding shop, and later was in the tavern business. After that, he lived briefly in Oconomowoc, and in 1950 moved to Venice, Florida, where he lived at the time of his death. ¶ Surviving are the widow, 5 daughters, 2 brothers, and 2 sisters, and 17 grandchildren."	The Wellington Lake dance pavilion stood on the east side of Wellington Lake. At the same time, Ole Peterson operated one on the east side of Big Spirit Lake; about the same time, Phillip Bonde operated one on the east side of STH 102 in the NW 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 20, Town 33 North, Range 3 East.	
8/31/1961	Konz	MRS. S.A. KONZ DIES AT APPLETON "Funeral services were held in St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Appleton recently for Mrs. Stephen A. Konz, Sr., 86, an early Rib Lake resident, who died after a brief illness. ¶ A native of Hungary, Mrs. Konz came to the United States when a young woman, and she and Mr. Konz moved to Taylor County in 1897 from New Jersey. They operated a general store and sawmill in Rib Lake until 1917, when they moved to Appleton, where he operated a box factory. ¶ Mr. Konz died in 1952, and a daughter, Mrs. Julia K. Singler, died in May of this year. ¶ Surviving are three daughters, Miss Elizabeth Konz, Elm Grove, Wisconsin; Mary, Mrs. H.P. Fischer, Appleton; and Geraldine, Mrs. Bruce Franklin, Freeport, Long Island, New York; 3 sons; Rudolph, and Dr. Stephen Konz, both of Appleton; and Cornelius Konz, Arcadia, California; 29 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren."	The precise location of the S.A. Konz Rib Lake sawmill is shown on the 1913 Standard Atlas map of the village. You may consult it on the CDs of Rib Lake History: Documents & Photos, available at the Rib Lake Public Library, see Document #237-20. The mill site is, in 2008, the location of the Little Rib Trailer Court.	
9/7/1961	Agriculture	RAY TURBA HERD A HIGH PRODUCER "Ray Turba, Route 1, is one of three Taylor County dairymen to receive recognition from the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, which goes annually to farmers whose herds have produced 450 pounds of butter fat. ¶ Others to receive the award this year were Victor Skabroud, Town of McKinley, and Suter Brothers, Town of Browning. All three are on the official dairy herd improvement association testing program. ¶ The Turba herd of 12 cows produced an average of 15,338 pounds of milk, and 588 pounds of butter fat..."	For years there was a friendly battle between Ray Turba, N6880 CTH C, and his north neighbor, James R. Packenham, N7026 CTH C, regarding milk and butterfat records. They were both great dairymen.	
9/7/1961	Church - Catholic - St. John the Baptist	NEW PRIEST WAS ACTIVE IN SCOUTS "Fr. Louis A. Telegdy, a priest of the Society of Precious Blood, has assumed his duties as pastor of St. John the Baptist Church at Rib Lake. ¶ For the past 5 years, Fr. Telegdy was pastor of St. Francis Church at Mystic, Iowa. During his pastorate there, a new rectory was built, and the church was remodeled. ¶ Besides developing a very active parochial program, Fr. Telegdy has been active in youth work, especially with the Boy Scouts. For 5 summers, he has served as Catholic Chaplain at the Philmont Scout Ranch near Simeron, New Mexico..."		
9/14/1961	Rib Lake - Village & Environment	BOARD APPROVES \$1000 IN BUDGET FOR DAM REPAIRS "Indications that the dam on the Rib River outlet of Rib Lake, will get needed repairs were seen Tuesday night, when the Village Board agreed to include \$1000 in next year's budget for that purpose. ¶ The Board made the decision after Ed Martin, representing the Fish & Game Assoc., appeared, and suggested the need for financial help for the project. He said the association will assign the profit it makes from a proposed public bear feed this fall, as well as the proceeds from the annual ice fishing contest in the winter. Martin said that lake is an unusual physical asset for a small village like Rib Lake, and that the cost of maintaining the water level, thereby increasing its attractiveness to tourists and vacationers, might well be spread over the community, as the entire community will profit..."		

9/14/1961	Businesses & Agriculture	SCHIRMER MILK ROUTES SOLD TO CHICAGO MAN "Sale of the Ray Schirmer milk trucking business to John Salzgeber of Chicago was announced this week, and the new owner will take over next Saturday. ¶ The business includes 4 trucks and routes that go with them, the milk going to the Medford Cooperative Creamery. ¶ The new owner is the husband of the former Evelyn Haider of Rib Lake, and his father-in-law, George Haider, is one of the truck drivers for Schirmer, all of whom will be retained. The others are Dick Gordon, Harvey Peche and Martin Pagel. ¶ Schirmer had been in business here since 1946, having bought it from Joe Frombach at that time. He had operated two routes and trucks in the Ogema area for three years previously. He has no plans for the future at this time. The Schirmers will retain their home on Kennedy Street here. Mr. Salzgeber plans to headquarter and service his trucks on the Haider farm, Route 1, southeast of the village, and the family will make its home in Medford."		
9/14/1961	Businesses	HARDWARE MAN BUYS PARTNER'S STORE INTEREST "Change of ownership of the Rib Lake Coast-to-Coast store was announced this week. ¶ Under the change, which was effective Monday of this week, Rueben Krings become the sole owner, having purchased the interest of his erstwhile partner, Melvin Theilig. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Kring will continue to operate the store, but will turn over all servicing and repairs to Alfred Peissig, who previously had purchased their liquid propane gas business, and is operating his own television and radio sales and repair. ¶ Peissig will provide plumbing, electrical, appliance repair, and other such service normally provided by a hardware store. ¶ Krings and Theilig have operated the local store for about 7 years, having purchased it from Leon Olsen, now of Chippewa Falls, who had conducted the business as Olsen's Hardware. It was first affiliated with the Marshall-Wells purchasing and merchandising organization, but later became a Coast-to-Coast store, when that organization absorbed the Marshall-Wells interests.	In 2008, the site of the Coast-to-Coast store is the Genesis Youth Center, 818 McComb Ave.	
9/14/1961 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ The Theilig and Kring families have made their home in apartments on the second floor of the store building. The two men are "double" brothers-in-law, Mrs. Theilig being Kring's sister, and Mrs. Kring being Theilig's sister. ¶ Theilig will remain with his brother-in-law until the end of next month, helping with some rearrangements at the store, and with a big stock reduction sale, which is planned for the near future..."		
9/14/1961	Businesses & Agriculture	NOTICE! "I will be buying cattle and calves again in this area. If you have any, please call GA7-6442, or drop a card to Tom Polacek, William A. Gessert."	About a year prior to this ad, William A. Gessert, long-time cattle-buyer, ran an ad in the Herald indicating he was quitting the business. Phyllis Dolezalek recently told me a funny story: As we all know, farmers get up early to do chores. A farmer tried to call William A. Gessert by telephone about 6:00 a.m. At that time Rib Lake Telephone Company used operators to place the calls. The wife of the owner of the company - Mrs. Eckhoff - refused to ring Gessert at 6:00 a.m., claiming that he would still be sleeping. ¶ William A. Gessert was in Rib Lake a long, long time. As early as 1916, he ran a butcher shop on McComb Ave. After giving up the butcher shop, he went into cattle buying full-time. His cattle barn was located right next to his house in the SE corner of Second Street and Railroad Street.	
9/21/1961	Church - Lutheran - St. John's Evangelical	75TH ANNIVERSARY "Members of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of their congregation at a series of services next Sunday. ¶ The Rev. O.E. Hoffmann of LaValle, who served the congregation as pastor between 1938-1947, will be the special speaker at two services. ¶ Pastor Hoffmann will also speak at the service at Zion Church in Spirit at 8:00 a.m. The joint choirs of the two churches will be at all of the services. ¶ The congregation has issued a special booklet containing a history of the church, and containing a series of pictures of the church property, and officers of the church and its various organizations. The first service in the fledgling Village of Rib Lake was held in a school house in 1894, conducted by the Rev. Bernhart Ungrodt, Pastor of the Emmanuel (sic) Evangelical Lutheran Church at Medford. Periodical meetings were held over a 2-year period, and the congregation was organized formally on June 13, 1886. Services were held at the school until 1895, when they were held in the Methodist Church, which was rented by the congregation. The church was built in the summer and fall of 1899.	The moving of the church in 1921 bears further explanation. Until 1921, the church faced south, and was approximately a half block south of its present location. In 1921, the church building was rotated 180 degrees and moved north to its present location. The new entrance faces Fayette Ave. Its address is 867 Fayette Ave.	

9/21/1961 (cont)	Church - Lutheran - St. John's Evangelical (cont)	¶ The Rev. Henry C. Gieschen has been pastor since 1956. Officers of the congregation at this time are John Schreiner, President; Vernon Hanke, Secretary; and the late Donald A. Taylor, Treasurer; and Fred Marschke, DuWayne Christianson, and Reuben Krings, trustees. ¶ Presidents of the church organizations include Mrs. Elmer Radtke, Ladies Society; Donna Schreiner, Young People; Rueben Krings and Melvin Theilig, Leaders of the Boy Pioneers; Mrs. Krings and Mrs. Theilig, Leaders of the Girl Pioneers; and Mrs. Ed Christianson, Organist; Elmer Gilge, Custodian. ¶ The congregation erected the present school house in 1915, so that an upper room in the parsonage, which had been used for classes, could be released to the pastor. The present parsonage, adjacent to the church, was purchased in 1921. The church was moved to its present location, enlarged and remodeled, in 1921.	¶ When established, the church used German exclusively in its services. The Articles of Incorporation for the congregation are on file at the Taylor County Courthouse Register of Deeds Office; they show that at first the name of the church was to be "St. Thomas." ¶ On 3/20/1899, Carl Knop, Carl Freiboth and Werner Radtke swore to the "Articles of Association," organizing in the Town of Rib Lake	
9/21/1961 (cont)	Church - Lutheran - St. John's Evangelical (cont)	¶ In 1958, the front of the church was remodeled, and a number of changes and improvements made throughout the building. Two new entrances were placed on the front of the building, a new cloak room installed, new stairs and a fire exit for the basement. The basement floor was replaced, the interior was redecorated. Individual donations made possible a loudspeaker in the mother's room, an illuminated cross and colored windows."	an Evangelical Lutheran Church "and which society shall be known and incorporated under the name of Evangelische Lutherische St. Thomas Gemeinde." The document was recorded with the Taylor Co. Register of Deeds on 3/28/1899. ¶ Recently, I asked Pastor Sloan, of St. John's congregation, about the name discrepancy. He had no explanation.	
9/28/1961	Obituary	PAUL MINARCINI, A FORMER RURAL RESIDENT, DEAD "Services were held at the Meiszer Funeral Home in Chicago on Sept. 14 for Paul Minarcini, Sr., 70, a former Rib Lake resident, who died on Sept. 11 at his home at Palatine, Illinois. ¶ The Rev. Robert C. Bauer officiated. Entombment was in the Masaryk Memorial Mausoleum in the Bohemian National Cemetery. ¶ Mr. Minarcini was born June 29, 1891, in Czechoslovakia, the son of John and Katherine Minarcini, and came to this country as a young man. He was employed as a crane operator in the Chicago area before coming to Rib Lake in about 1918. He occupied a farm north and east of the Fawn Valley School, and adjacent to the Julius Golder farm, for about 30 years. He retired from farming in 1948 and returned to Chicago..¶ Surviving are his wife, the former Anna Oswald, and five children; Paul, Jr., Birmingham, Alabama; Emily, Mrs. Howard Hoepfner, Chicago; Pauline, Mrs. Frank Koffler, Round Lake, Illinois; Dorothy, Mrs. Donald Joras, Chicago; and Ronald, Omaha, Nebraska; and brothers, Sam Minarcini, Eldridge, Illinois; and Matthew Minarcini, Chicago..."		
9/28/1961	Physician	COMMUNITY IN MIGHTY EFFORT TO RETAIN DOCTOR OR GET SUBSTITUTE "Dr. Pettera's message to you...Dear People of Rib Lake. Due to the necessity of needing adequate time to get my personal and financial affairs in order before going on active duty October 15, 1961, I am forced to close the office as of Sept. 1, 1961, except for emergency cases. ¶ Insomuch as I have come to love this village, its surrounding area, and especially its people to a zenith never obtained by me before, I am more reluctant to leave than you are to have me leave. This is my home, and I have no intention of staying away any longer than I must. ¶ An all-out effort is being made through the National Guard and the State Medical Society to obtain a substitute to take my place for the short while I shall be gone..."	Dr. Pettera was part of Wisconsin's 32rd Division of the National Guard; as a response to the Berlin emergency, President Kennedy ordered the National Guard into active duty; they spent a year at Fort Lewis in the State of Washington. ¶ Eventually, Dr. Siegfried F. Hesse, M.D., came as his "substitute."	
10/5/1961	Rib Lake - Village	VOLUNTEERS WILL COMPLETE WORK ON ROAD TO DAM "The road leading from Hoppa's Resort across the lake into the Rib River outlet dam, will be the scene of a community work-bee on Saturday, Oct. 14. ¶ Object of the bee is to get the road into all-season condition - so that work on the dam and dikes can be done at any time of the year..."		
10/5/1961	Obituary	EINARD ANNALA, 53, IS COUNTY'S 9TH 1961 TRAFFIC VICTIM "Einard J. Annala, 53, Route 2, Ogema, was fatally injured about 4:30 p.m. Monday when he lost control of the car he was driving on the Silver Creek Road 2-1/2 miles northeast of Westboro..Henry Raddatz, who has worked with Annala cutting pulpwood recently, was the only witness to the accident. He had been at the Annala home to the north and was driving south towards his home when he saw the north-bound Annala car approaching on the left side of the highway. He took to the ditch to avoid a head-on collision, and the car passed his vehicle safely, but then crashed into the trees, near the crest of the hill. ¶ Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) in the Finnish Lutheran Church in the Town of Hill, with the Rev. Wilkman of Owen officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.	Note the reference to the Finnish Church; it stood on Suomi Road, about 1/2 mile north of the Price-Taylor County line.	
10/5/1961 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Einhard John Annala was born on the family farm, several miles north of the accident scene in Price County on Aug. 10, 1908, and had lived there all of his life. He was the son of John and Elina Lalli Annala. He attend the old Leavitt Creek School, and had worked as a farmer, in the woods, and as a bulldozer operator. He was unmarried. ¶ Surviving are the mother, three brothers; Walter, of Westboro; Toivo, Harper Lake; and Wayne, Oak Park, Illinois; two sisters; Aili, at home; and Lainie, Mrs. Victor Storm, Ogema."		

10/5/1961	Forest, County	GOVERNOR VETOES FOREST PROPOSAL "Governor Gaylord Nelson vetoed a bill Monday that would have increased from 50-75% the share of proceeds counties receive from the sale of timber on lands under Wisconsin's 30-year-old Forest Crop Law. ¶ "My signature on this bill would foreclose the opportunity for a thorough revision" of the county forest crop program, Nelson said in his veto message. ¶ He said he would appoint a committee to make a comprehensive study of the entire program "aimed at developing the lands for the maximum benefit of both the county and the people of Wisconsin." ¶ Noting that some 2.3 million acres in 27 counties - most of them in northern Wisconsin (and including Taylor) are under the law. Nelson said the program had been successful in creating productive county forests. ¶ "The task is not completed," Nelson said. He said the vetoed measure "meets certain immediate problems...but would materially reduce the public equity in the forests under the law."	In 2008, the 18,000-acre Taylor County Forest lies solely within the Townships of Westboro and Rib Lake, and is made up, principally, of former cut-over lands of the RLLC. The northwest tip of the Village of Rib Lake touches the Taylor County Forest.	
10/5/1961 (cont)	Forest, County (cont)	¶ Under the law, as timber grows in the county forests, the county receives 10 cents an acre from the state and another 10 cents an acre from the State Forestry Fund, to be used for management. Since the program started, the state has paid out \$9 million, of which \$2 million has been paid back. ¶ When the timber is cut, the county pays 50% of the proceeds to the state and retains the other 50%. ¶ The vetoed measure contains several shortcomings, Nelson said. He said there was no provision that the public retain hunting, fishing, camping and other rights on lands withdrawn from the program. ¶ Nelson said that in most instances, forest crop law contracts still have 20 or more years to go."		
10/5/1961	Clubs/Orders	OGEMA TREE FESTIVAL "Saturday, Oct. 21, will be a big day in Ogema, when the second annual Christmas Tree Festival and Craft Show will be held under the sponsorship of the Ogema Lions Club. ¶ A full day of entertainment has been arranged. Registration of Christmas Trees for cash prizes will take place in the morning. ¶ A program at the Ogema School will deal with the raising of Christmas Trees and the management of the industry. At the town hall will be a display of craft and hobby work. Demonstrations will be given on candle-making and the making of Scandinavian pastries. ¶ The chicken barbeque supper will be served at the Ogema School activity room between 5 and 7. The evening program will include home talent act, barbershop singing, a community chorus, and a square dance, which will be held in the Ogema Legion Hall."	Last Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, I had the pleasure of attending the Ogema Christmas Tree Festival. It is still going strong. A strong contingent of Rib Lake runners, including Scot Bromann, Debbie and Mike Quednow, Russell Blennert, Dr. Gary Krueger, and myself, did the 10-mile run from Ogema to the peak, Timm's Hill. My young companions completed the 10-mile course in approximately an hour. It took my 66-year-old body 91 minutes and 37 seconds.	
10/12/1961	Rib Lake - Village & Modern Woodmen of American (MWA)	MODERN WOODMEN HALL [Photograph of 2-story high commercial building] "Work is progressing rapidly on the razing of one of the oldest buildings in the village, the old Modern Woodmen hall on Main Street [McComb Ave.] south of the Standard Oil filling station. ¶ The upper photograph was taken when the building was intact, with only the metal siding removed from the walls. The lower picture was taken last weekend, when most of the second story had been removed. ¶ The work is being done by Eddie Melaski, who purchased the building about a year ago from Mrs. John Haas, who last occupied with it with the Sport Shop. ¶ Mr. and Mrs. Haas had purchased the building about 12 years ago and conducted their Sport Shop in the front of the first floor, and made their home in the rear. Mrs. Haas continued the shop through the winter, after Mr. Haas' death in November of 1959, and the following summer sold her stock and sold the building to Melaski. ¶ Melaski is salvaging considerable lumber, and plans to sell the vacant lot. He said he has several prospective buyers.	This historic structure stood on the east side of McComb Ave. and occupied Lot 3, Block A of McComb's Racing Park Addition to the Village of Rib Lake. In 2008, the site is an empty lot. In 1961, the building stood directly south of the Standard Oil gas station - still standing in 2008 and bearing street number 728 McComb Ave. ¶ The 1913 Standard Atlas shows the site as "Post Office." In 1946, John R. Haas had opened the "Sport Shop"; it sold fishing tackle and other recreational supplies. John died July 4, 1959.	
10/12/1961 (cont)	Rib Lake - Village & Modern Woodmen of American (MWA) (cont)	¶ As far as could be learned, the structure was built in 1903. A copy of the Rib Lake Herald, found in the wall, dated July 17 of that year, reports that a Mr. Munson "is building a large hall, bowling alley and confectionery stand north of the Rib Lake wagon shop. The hall will be rented by various lodges." It is believed that the building now being razed was the building referred to. ¶ In any event, the old structure later was owned by the Modern Woodmen of America Lodge, until the local unit was dissolved a number of years ago. At one time the second-story lodge rooms were used by the Odd Fellows, and the latest occupant was the Rib Lake Masonic Lodge, which met there until a few years ago, when it was dissolved, the members affiliating with the Masonic Lodge at Medford. At different times the hall was used for community dances and parties.	¶ The Aug. 27, 1959, edition of the Herald reported that a two-lane bowling alley had once operated where the Sport Shop stood. On May 26, 1960, Eddie Melaski purchased the Sport Shop from John R. Haas' wife. The Modern Woodmen of America was a highly successful and popular fraternal life insurance and social club in old Rib Lake.	

10/12/1961 (cont)	Rib Lake - Village & Modern Woodmen of American (MWA) (cont)	¶ The lower floor, old timers recall, was used for many different business establishments. At one time the post office was located in the front portion, and it was at that time that an extension and front entrance was built on the south side, so that access to the rear living quarters could be gained without going through the post office part. ¶ Another lodge, which apparently once used the meeting hall, was the "Mystic Workers of the World," and a crumpled and yellow charter from the "Supreme Lodge" at Fulton, Illinois, issued to the Rib Lake Lodge #1433 in March 1919, was among the old documents found in the building. ¶ Listed as officers of the group at that time were Orlando Winter, Prefect; Rosa E. Braun, Monitor; Herbert C. Curran, Secretary; George F. Braun, Banker; Gustave Wichman, Physician; Guy Lehman, Marshal; Herman Jacobs, Warder; Henry Jensen, Sentinel; and Mark Headstream, Chris Raber, and Henry Hauch, Supervisors."	Its minutes have been scanned into the documents and history of Rib Lake - CDs available at the Rib Lake Public Library. ¶ The Modern Woodmen Hall consisted of a 2-story, wood-frame structure facing McComb Ave., and filling the 30-foot wide lot; two main doors accessed the sidewalk on McComb Ave., and the remainder of the first floor consisted of plate-glass windows. The second floor consisted of a false front - level roof appearance covering a peaked roof that ran about the length of the 123-foot long, east-west lot. ¶ Small, 30 x 60" windows provided light and ventilation to the second floor.	
10/12/1961	Utilities	TELEPHONE COMPANY GIVEN \$30,000 LOAN "Senator William Proxmire, at Washington, announced this week that the Rural Electrification Administration had approved a \$30,000 loan to the Rib Lake Telephone Company for the extension of service to residents of Taylor and Price Counties. ¶ Senator Proxmire said the money would be used to provide service for 70 new subscribers. Plans call for construction of 20 miles of new telephone lines. ¶ Elaborating on the Washington announcement, John Eckhoff, President of the company, said that part of the work on the new lines and connecting of new subscribers has been completed, and that the loan will pay for that and for continued expansion of facilities. ¶ Included in the expansion program will be the construction of a 1-story concrete garage and workshop building, adjacent to the similar 1-story structure at the rear of the Eckhoff home, which houses the automatic dial system and other equipment."	The expanded facilities were constructed at the telephone company office location in the southeast corner of Ella Street and Fayette Avenue. John Eckhoff, affectionately known to everyone as "Tubby," and his family privately owned the Rib Lake Telephone Company; following his death, his son, Clark Eckhoff, sold the utility to a national conglomerate, Frontier Telephone, headquartered in Rochester, New York. It promptly shut down the convenient local office, but for a maintenance facility. ¶ In 2008, the phone book says that if you wish "residential customer service," you are to call 1-800-435-1504.	
10/12/1961	Businesses & Rusch	HARTWIG AND RUESCH FURNITURE STORE "Notice to customers. Due to health reasons and business interests at Loveland, Colorado, we are closing out our furniture business. Although we regret having to leave Medford, and the many friends and customers we have come to know during our years in business, we have no alternative. Thus, it is your opportunity to own top-quality furniture at the largest savings in our history. Signed Earl A. Ruesch."	The Rueschs - principally of Medford - are of Swiss extraction - are not to be confused with the Ruschs of Rib Lake, who are of Prussian-German extraction. Since there have been many more Rueschs than Ruschs, the former's pronunciation of the name has prevailed.	
10/19/1961	J.J. Kennedy & Family	HAROLD KENNEDY, OF EARLY FAMILY, DIES AT HOSPITAL "Funeral services for Harold A. Kennedy, 64, member of an early Rib Lake family, who died at the Veterans Hospital at Madison Monday, were scheduled for Thursday (today) at 1:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church. ¶ The Rev. William B. Warner will officiate, and burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery. ¶ Mr. Kennedy had been in ill health for the past year, and entered the hospital Wednesday of last week. ¶ Born March 10, 1897, in Rib Lake, he was a son of Hugh and Catherine Ferguson Kennedy. He was married to Bessie Pacourek in Oklahoma, June, 1930. The couple spent their summers since 1939 in Frontier, Canada, where he was a wheat farmer on the old Kennedy homestead property there. In the winter, they lived in Chicago, and for the past few years have spent these months in the west. ¶ Earlier he had worked in the lumber mill here, originally founded by his uncle, John J. Kennedy, in Chicago, and as a railroad man in the Twin Cities. He and Mrs. Kennedy had returned from Canada less than a month ago, coming to the village, as was their custom, before settling for the winter.	Harold's father, Hugh J. Kennedy, was one of the original four Kennedy brothers who founded Rib Lake, J.J., Angus, Hugh J. and William J. On April 15, 1910, the Rib Lake Herald reported that Hugh J. Kennedy, and his son, Stuart, bade farewell to family and friends and departed for Moose Jaw, Canada, where Kennedy will take up a homestead. On May 26, 1911, the Herald reported "Mrs. H.J. Kennedy departed for Gull Lake, Canada, to join her husband and sons on the homestead."	
10/19/1961 (cont)	J.J. Kennedy & Family (cont)	¶ He is survived by his wife and one sister, Miss Anna May Kennedy, Rib Lake. ¶ The American Legion Post will conduct military rites for him, as he was a veteran of WWI."	¶ For a biography of all the Kennedys, consult "Movers & Shakers: Cast of Characters to Early Rib Lake History," Document #12269.	
10/19/1961	Library	HEARD AROUND SPIRIT....BOOK MOBILE IN SPIRIT NEXT THURSDAY "The Book Mobile will be open for an hour next Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the intersection of Highways 86 and 102..."		
10/26/1961	Utilities & Rib Lake - Village	BOARD VISITS ATHENS "Members of the village board went to Athens on Wednesday morning to inspect the sewage disposal plant there, which is similar to what the trustees have in mind for Rib Lake. ¶ They were met there by L.E. Woodman, of Baxter-Woodman Engineering Company, Crystal Lake, Illinois, who discussed the possibilities of a plant with the trustees at their meeting on Tuesday night. ¶ The village has top priority rating for a federal grant of up to \$36,000 towards a sewage disposal plant. Apparently, the board is convinced that the state will not permit the dumping of raw sewage into Sheep Ranch Creek much longer."		

10/26/1961	Physician	NOW EVERYONE CAN KNOW - RIB LAKE GETS A DOCTOR!! "Iowa physician will practice here during Pettera's Army service; community publicity effort pays off! ¶ Good news today, indeed, is the assurance that the Rib Lake area will have a substitute doctor for Captain Robert L. Pettera during his military absence. ¶ The replacement physician, who will take over Dr. Pettera's practice in the Rib Lake Clinic building not later than November 15, is Dr. Frank Hesse, 37, now practicing in Hudson, Iowa. ¶ Incidentally, Dr. Hesse first learned of this community's need for a replacement physician when he listened to NBC's "Monitor" broadcast a week ago Sunday, when Dr. Pettera was interviewed by telephone on the situation. ¶ He made a quick trip to the community, looked it over, and liked it, met Dr. Pettera and his wife, and promised to give them a definite answer shortly. It came early Wednesday.	Dr. Siegfried "Frank" Hesse, and later his wife, Beverly, were an invaluable asset to Rib Lake for many decades. Following his retirement from the medical field, Dr. and Mrs. Hesse moved from Rib Lake to Canyon City, Colorado, about 1998.	
10/26/1961 (cont)	Physician (cont)	¶ Dr. Hesse is single, an outdoorsman, as is Dr. Pettera, and was pleased with the hunting and fish prospects. There was not sufficient time for complete briefing of the local situation, due to Dr. Pettera's preoccupation with getting his personal affairs settled before going on active military duty."	¶ Dr. Hesse was a cool head. About 3:00 a.m. on Aug. 26, 1976, he was called to attend my wife, who was in labor with our first child, Robin. After examining my wife, Dr. Hesse came out to chat with me, and immediately said "let's talk politics."	
10/26/1961	Businesses	A&W ROOTBEER STAND [Photograph of one-story A&W Rootbeer Stand advertising rootbeer for 5 and 10 cents.] "Here is the newly-enlarged A&W Rootbeer Stand, which now provides inside service, and an addition to the east. The Carl Henricksons, owners, also have an addition to the rear, now shown in the picture, to provide living quarters."	In 2008, the A&W Rootbeer Stand still proudly stands on the NE corner of STH 102 and Kennedy Street; its owners, Jim and Gloria Strebig, closed the popular restaurant in 2008; it has been vacant since that time.	
11/2/1961	Physician	SUBSTITUTE PHYSICIAN WINDING UP AFFAIRS "Dr. Frank Hesse, who will take over the medical practice of Captain Robert L. Pettera during the latter's military absence, is busily engaged in winding up his affairs at Hudson, Iowa, where he has practiced for the past 6 years. Hudson is a suburb of Waterloo. ¶ ... He will be here no later than Nov. 15, and take over Dr. Pettera's quarters in the clinic building under a lease arrangement with Dr. Pettera and the village, which owns the clinic building. ¶ His receptionists will be those who worked with Dr. Pettera, Mrs. Pettera, and Mrs. Wayne Bullis."		
11/2/1961	Hunting	"The Bokath-Martin hunting shack was rocked by another "improvement" a couple of weeks ago. The editor of the Herald was invited for a feed and "tossed a salad." True, it was not in the appropriate wooden bowl, just an old pot of sorts. ¶ But the rugged hunters present actually admitted it was GOOD."	This is the type of chit-chat that was the weekly fare in the 3-page column of the Herald entitled "Sunny Side of the Street."	
11/9/1961	Harper Lake & Businesses	CAMP CARTER GIRLS MEET "Former summer guests at Camp Carter, on North Harper Lake, held their 13th annual lunch and reunion at a private room in Wiebold's Tea Room in Chicago last Saturday. ¶ Although illness prevented many from attending, Mrs. Elaine Schaufelberger, director of the camp, reported that 45 were present to eat, exchange pictures, and experiences, and to welcome Miss Helen Sambor, Munster, Indiana, back from Iran. She has been a teacher of American and English children of executives of an Iranian oil corporation in Agha Jari for the past two years. ¶ Miss Sambor held the group spell-bound with her experiences for over an hour and showed colored slides of Iran and Greece, Italy and Switzerland. She presented Camp Carter with a rare hand-made tablecloth from Iran. Since 1948, Miss Sambor has been a regular guest at Camp Carter, being absent only when her activities in the Civil Air Patrol or trips abroad made it impossible.	Camp Carter occupied the site and buildings of the former Mike Schmidt farm, the E 1/2 - SE 1/4, Town 33 North, Range 2 East. In 2008, the former farm home of the Schmidts still stands just north of Rustic Road 1 north of South Harper Lake. ¶ Mrs. Rose Patrick and Mrs. Dorothy E. Hebda both came here from Chicago as Camp Carter "girls," and married Rib Lake men. As of 4-1-2009, both happily call the Village of Rib Lake home.	
11/9/1961 (cont)	Harper Lake & Businesses (cont)	¶ Placecards on the large U-shaped table held individual ground pines from the shores of Long Lake, and large vases of bittersweet, also from Camp Carter, brought a living souvenir of the Northwoods to each guest. ¶ By virtue of their 7 years' association with Camp Carter, six girls present achieved membership on the Board of Directors, now numbering 13, and headed by Chairman Jane Wisher. Several Indiana girls were present, but Miss Louise Otzelberger from Milwaukee received the prize for having come the greatest distance."		
11/16/1961	Harper Lakes & Environment	PIKE ARE PLENTIFUL "A shocking operation at South Harper Lake on Monday night indicated that walleyes planted there during the past 4 years are thriving. ¶ Frank Yanko, president of the Fish & Game Association, who assisted Bob Bredemus, State Fish Biologist from Ladysmith, in making the tests, said that a brief check of the shallow water revealed a number of walleyed pike, ranging from 6-19 inches, with many of them in the 13-16 inch class. Some bluegills and suckers, and one 29-inch muskie, also were turned up. ¶ Carl Duenkel of Harper Lake Resort also assisted on the experiment. The fish were stunned in the shocking process, then netted, and the scales checked for biological data."		

11/23/1961	Fire	CHIEF EXPLAINS NUMBER SYSTEM "How the new farm numbering system will help the Rib Lake Fire Department provide better service in the Towns of Rib Lake and Greenwood was explained this week by Chief Ed Martin. ¶ Farms in the two townships, served by the local department, have been numbered as part of a county-wide numbering plan. ¶ Under the master plan, all thoroughfares are named. East and west roads are called "Avenues" and north and south roads are called "Roads." ¶ Each farm house in the two towns is numbered. The top number is the number of the section in which the house is located, and the bottom numerals comprise the farm number. ¶ The local department is assembling a filing system, which will be compiled in duplicate. Each farm will have a card, which will carry complete information as to its location, as to the water supply nearby, if any, and other pertinent information. ¶ The cards will be made in duplicate, and when a rural fire call is received, one card will be taken on the truck and the other left handy at the fire station, for information to firemen who do not ride the truck.."	This system resulted in the erection of commercially-made metal signs along rural properties. The signs displayed the assigned "fire" number. The system appeared to work for about a decade before being abandoned.	
11/30/1961	Law	SCHAACK IS BEING NAMED WORK PERMIT CLERK "Announcement was made by the Industrial Commission of the appointment of Francis P. Schaack, Rib Lake, as permit issuing officer for the Child Labor and/or Street Trade permits in Rib Lake. ¶ Permits are required for all minors under 18 for all employments, except farm labor and work in private homes, outside of school hours. ¶ Each job the minor holds requires a separate permit. Each time a minor changes employers, he must get a new permit. Any employer hiring a minor without a permit can be subject to severe penalties. ¶ The requirements for permits are: 1) letter from employer stating his intention to employ a minor, giving the minor's name and address; 2) letter from parent or guardian consenting to the employment; 3) proof of age - birth record or baptismal certificate, and 4) required fee.	In 1920, my father met state law requirements to quit school and obtained a permit to work for the RLLC. He was born 10/4/1903 and had completed the 7th grade. His permit was issued by County Judge Buckley.	
11/30/1961 (cont)	Law (cont)	¶ Permits can be obtained from Mr. Schaack at Rib Lake station, State Bank of Medford, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00, only upon presentation of the above requirements. Employers may secure a handy leaflet, stating prohibited employments, and the age minors may be employed for specific jobs, by contacting the permit officer."		
11/30/1961	Businesses	KEN'S CAFE IS OPEN "Opening of a new eating establishment in the village in the new building on the lakeshore, at the rear of Stewart's Lumber Company building, was announced this week by Kenneth Bartosh, the proprietor. ¶ The supper club will specialize in short orders, including steaks, chops, chicken and fish fries, and temporarily is open from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. ¶ Bartosh has been operating the establishment since its opening last weekend, and will be joined this weekend by Mrs. Mary Wagner, Milwaukee, and her daughter, Joan. Mrs. Wagner and Bartosh are associated in the proposed Lakeshore Motel project, of which the cabin, converted into a supper club, is the first building."	In 2008, the building still stands as a private residence at 670 Mill Lane. Both the supper club and the motel had a short-lived, unsuccessful experience. The builders failed to pay for the lumber and other supplies purchased from Stewart Lumber and Fuel. The lumber company foreclosed its lien and acquired ownership of the real estate. The parents of Leroy Stewart moved into the structure and made it their home, residing there for many years. Following the death of Mrs. Stewart in the year 2000, the property was acquired by Mike Patrick, who has rented it out as a private residence.	
12/7/1961	Hunting & Spirit	SPIRIT ROUNDUP! GERMAN SETTLEMENT "One of our local Robin Hoods, Wesley Meier, was successful in getting his deer last Saturday after stalking it for several hours. This seems to be the first deer taken with bow and arrow in this area.."	I am impressed by the number of deer hunters who have told me that hunting with bow and arrow has become their favorite.	
12/14/1961	Obituary	CHARLES TALBOT, EARLY RESIDENT, DIES SUDDENLY "Funeral services for Charles L. Talbot, 83, pioneer Rib Lake resident and operator of Willow Lake Resort, north of Tripoli, for the past 36 years, are scheduled for today (Thursday) at 2:00 p.m. from the Taylor Funeral Home. ¶ The Rev. William Warner will officiate, and burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery...¶ Born Nov. 9, 1878, at Grindstone, Michigan, the son of Edward and Betsy McLeod Talbot, he moved with his parents to Rib Lake at the age of 7. As a young man, he became a scaler and a cruiser for the local lumber company. He was married to Annie Nelson, Feb. 9, 1898, at Marshfield. ¶ A man of many interests and talents, he at one time ran the Lakeside and Maple Knoll establishments, and served as bookkeeper for the Rib Lake Tannery Company. ¶ In 1925, the couple moved to Oneida County, where he founded the Willow Lake Resort. An avid hunter, fisherman, and trapper, this far north sporting country was his "meat." He remained active in his outdoor life until his death. ¶ He was a member of the Church of Christ, Rib Lake.		
12/14/1961 (cont)	Obituary (cont)	¶ Survivors are his wife, a daughter, Velva, Mrs. Millard Kapitz; a son, Harry, of Tripoli; a sister, Mrs. Ela Dixon, Stanley; two brothers, Cecil, Wisconsin Rapids; and Arthur, Iron Mountain, Michigan; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. ¶ Honorary pallbearers were Herbert, Chester, Edward and Fred Curran, Fred Niggemann, and Burt Aitken, Medford. ¶ Acting pallbearers are Willow area neighbors.."		

12/14/1961	Fire & Businesses	FIRE AT DRUG STORE "The volunteer fire department truck made a quick run of less than a block at about 11:30 a.m. Tuesday to extinguish a fire, which might have been a dangerous one, at the Upjohn Drug Store. ¶ Dick Upjohn was attempting to thaw out a water pipe for the second story apartment in the building, when the flame spread and started to burn some of the joists under the store proper. ¶ Although there was little room for a hose, and no opportunity to get under the building, a stream of water through a small opening caught the smoldering timbers in a short time. ¶ There was some smoke in the store, but nothing serious. Several firemen, including Chief Ed Martin, happened to be in the vicinity of the fire hall when the call was sounded, accounting for arrival of the truck at the scene in a matter of seconds."	The Upjohn Drug Store, at 715 McComb Ave., was then less than a half-block away from the fire station located next to the then village hall. ¶ To give you some idea of the scope of wares handled at the Upjohn Drug Store, I quote from the Dec. 15, 1916, Rib Lake Herald: "Upjohn's Drug Store is advertising brick ice cream for Christmas, and those wanting it are urged to order in advance."	
12/21/1961	Businesses	COUSIN ADOLPH'S TREES IN CHICAGO "Adolph Vlach, accompanied by brother Danny and Ron Eisner, left last Wednesday for Chicago to set up the annual Christmas Tree stand at the old stamping ground. Two semi-trailer loads have been unpacked. They plan a return Christmas Eve..."	For many years, Adolph Vlach had several semi-trailer loads of Rib Lake area Christmas Trees transported to Chicago; his Chicago lot was a popular one.	
12/28/1961	Schools	SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ENLARGED BY TWO ATTACHMENTS "Petitions by the Fawn Valley and Greenwood Elementary School Districts, to be attached to the Rib Lake District, have been approved by the Taylor and Price County School Committees. The physical attachment will take place next summer, after the current school year is completed, and will bring the two elementary districts into the Rib Lake High School District, in compliance with a state law requiring all territory in the state to be included in a high school district by July 1, 1961. The two districts now send their pupils to the Rib Lake High School on a tuition basis. ¶ The Fawn Valley District now operates a two-room elementary school, and the Greenwood District has one three-room, and a one-room school in operation. ¶ Under the new setup, the Rib Lake District will include the Village of Rib Lake, and all of the Town of Rib Lake, except a small portion in the western part (in the Westboro District), all of the Town of Greenwood in Taylor County, and parts of the Town of Spirit and Hill in Price County."	The Fawn Valley School building stood in the southeast corner of Fawn Avenue and Peche Drive, the NW 1/4 - NW 1/4, Section 32, Town 33 North, Range 3 East. The consolidated district decided to close Fawn Valley School and transport area students by bus to Rib Lake. The school building was sold to Marlin Walbeck, who dismantled the building and used much of its lumber to construct his home on the NW corner of CTH C and Bear Avenue. ¶ The three-room Greenwood School was located in Section 35, Town 32 North, Range 2 East, on the south of CTH M. The Rib Lake School District continued to use the building for many years. In 2008, the former school building is now the private residence of Ruth and Russell Schilling, W2977 CTH M.	
12/28/1961	People & Rusch	NORDGRENS HAVE A CROWD! "Christmas Eve dinner guests of the Gordon Nordgrens were her parents, the Al Knops, Junction City; her brothers, Mike, LaCrosse; Allen, Madison; the Ed Nordgrens, Route 1; Jerry Nordgren, Rockford, Illinois; the Mike Schmidts and the Ziggy Duenkels and children, Harper Lake. Christmas Day, the whole caboodle moved out to Harper Lake Resort for a retake."		
12/28/1961	People & Rusch	STROBACH FAMILY TOGETHER "Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Strobach entertained relatives at their home on Christmas Eve. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Gene Poirier and daughter, Joyce, and her fiancé, Les Noland, all of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Strobach, Westboro; and Miss Nancy Kroll."		
12/28/1961	Businesses	RIB LAKE BUSINESSES [annually the Rib Lake businessmen would run a joint ad in the last edition of the Herald for that year. These are the ads that appear on Dec. 28, 1961.] "1. Captain Robert L. Pettera, M.D., on duty with the 32nd Division, and Mrs. Pettera. ¶ 2. S.[Siegfried] F. Hesse, M.D., ¶ 3. Dr and Mrs. Duane Powers [dentist] ¶ 4. Mr. and Mrs. Barney Cihasky, South Side Garage. ¶ 5. Bogumil Locker, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bogumil. ¶ 6. Vernon Hanke, Mobil Products Distributor. ¶ 7. Rib Lake Beauty Shop, Mrs. Jeanette Nelson. ¶ 8. Little Bohemia Cafe, the Ervin Stellings. ¶ 9. The Little Bohemia, Bowling-Bar-Cafe, Satch-Rudy [Kapitz], Peanuts and Shirley [Olson]. ¶ 10. The National Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Alfons Mitchell. ¶ 11. Lew's Auto Service, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Graf. ¶ 12. Smith Welding Service, Herman F. Smith [blacksmith]. ¶ 13. Patrick Shoe Store, Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Patrick. ¶ 14. Mayer Fuels, Deep Rock Products, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Mayer. ¶ 15. Ken's Lakeview Cafe, Kenneth Bartosh.		
12/28/1961 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ 16. Peissig's L-P Gas and TV, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peissig. ¶ 17. Duchene's Mobil Service, Gene Duchene, North end of Main Street. ¶ 18. Upjohn Drug Store, Dick and Thelma Upjohn, ¶ 19. Paul's Standard Service, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ochodnický. ¶ 20. A&W Rootbeer Stand, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Henrickson. ¶ 21. Gehrt's Bar, Gordon and Virginia Gehrt. ¶ 22. Rib Lake Roller Mills, Mr. and Mrs. John Schreiner. ¶ 23. Menning's Barbershop and Maude's Gift Store, Louis and Maude Menning. ¶ 24. Zielke's Store, Harold and Theo Zielke. ¶ 25. State Bank of Medford, Rib Lake Station. ¶ 26. Johnny's Electric, Mr. and Mrs. John Dolezalek. ¶ 27. Coast-to-Coast Store, Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Krings. ¶ 28. Thums Oil Company, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Thums. ¶ 29. Tlusty Beverage and Bottling, Mr. and Mrs. George Tlusty. ¶ 30. The Gambles Store, the DuWayne Warners and Jack Budimiljas. ¶ 31. Rib Lake Telephone Company, the John and Peter Eckhoffs. ¶ 32. Vlach's 102 Tavern, Adolph and Margaret Vlach. ¶ 33. Becker's Tavern, Frank and Celia Becker.		

12/28/1961 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	¶ 34. Rib Lake Theatre, Harold Schlais.¶ 35. Sunderlin's Dri-Gas and Econ-o-Wash, Ernie, Ruth and Bill Sunderlin. ¶ 36. Jim's Bar, Jim Schabel [located on the south end of the movie theatre building]. ¶ 37. Gordon Nordgren, Your Standard Oil Dealer. ¶ 38. Gem Products, Inc., manufacturers of Glov-Ett comfort shoes. ¶ 39. The Lakeside, Mr. and Mrs. Southwell Rosenfeldt. ¶ 40. Mr. and Mrs. William Niggemann and employees of the Rib Lake Dairy. ¶ 41. Stewart Lumber and Fuel Company, Laroy and Leroy Stewarts. ¶ 42. Roger's Sinclair Service, the Roger Johnsons and Joe Dums. ¶ 43. Rib Lake Bakery, Louis Heglmeier. ¶ 44. Bill's Night-Owl Bar, Bill and Esther Merten, Tippy and Rudy. ¶ 45. Taylor Funeral Home, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mannel. ¶ 46. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hong, owners, Miss Esther Ferguson, manager, the staff and all of the residents of the Golden Age Nursing Home. ¶ 47. Bud's IGA store, Bud and Opie Freeck. ¶ 48. Schlais Clothing Store, Bob, Vi and Denny Schlais. ¶ 49. Heindl's Clover Farm Store, Jerry and Mildred Heindl."		
12/28/1961 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	FROM RURAL ¶ 50. Zondlo's Ballroom and Bar, the George and Frank Zondlos. ¶ 51. Lakeview Resort on Spirit Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Vanucha. ¶ 52. Highway C Grocery, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frombach. ¶ 53. Seidel's Resort on Harper Lake, Mrs. George Seidel. ¶ 54. Cattail Tap, Highway M and C, Mel Budimlija. ¶ 55. Holly's Resort on Stone Lake. ¶ 56. Andrew Zondlo, Livestock Dealer. ¶ 57. Harper Lake Resort, Ziggy and Audrey Duenkel, Route 1, Westboro. ¶ 58. Carlson's Sweet Spot, next to the old swimming hole on South Harper Lake, Alinn Selma Carlson.		
12/28/1961 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	FROM WESTBORO ¶ 59. Kiger Oil Company, Pure Oil Products, Vern Everson, Agent. ¶ 60. Westboro Locker and Hardware, Norman Rhyner and Gerome Cypher. ¶ 61. IGA Corner Store, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Seidel. ¶ 62. Andreae's City Service, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Andreae. ¶ 63. Gillespie's Tap, John and Caroline Gillespie. ¶ 64. Bud's Phillips "66" Service, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Odau. ¶ 65. Gil and Mary's Tap, Gil and Mary Rhyner. ¶ 66. Laabs' Dairy Company, makers of fine cheese.		
12/28/1961 (cont)	Businesses (cont)	AND OTHERS. ¶ 67. Notbohm Body Shop, painting and repairs, Chelsea, WI. ¶ 68. Herb and Tina's Tavern, Highway 13 and M, Herb and Tina Duesing. ¶ 69. Lakeview Dairy, Finest Dairy Products in your home or store, Phillips, Wisconsin. ¶ 70. The Blue Royal, Arnold and Ellen Krueger, junctions Highway 102 and 13. ¶ 71. Pine Tree Pavilion, the Kraschnewskis, on Highway 13 near Chelsea. ¶ 72. Chelsea Conservation Club.		
12/28/1961	Agriculture	FARM NOTES "By Joe Tuss, County Agricultural Agent. ¶ We sincerely hope that all readers of this column have had an enjoyable and blessed Christmas. May the year 1962 be one of the best...¶ During this time of year it may be well to add to super phosphate daily in the gutters or on the manure after loaded to prevent nitrogen loss. Figure about 2 pounds of super phosphate per cow per day. ¶ An average herd of 25 cows produces slightly over 250 tons of manure. This amount of manure would contain about 2500 pounds of nitrogen, 1100 pounds of phosphorus, and 1900 pounds of potash. If you were to buy this in the form of commercial fertilizer, it would cost you \$600. Figuring in terms of increased yield, this manure is worth probably twice as much.		
12/28/1961 (cont)	Agriculture (cont)	¶ This brings up my point to you on manure application. All the manure should go on corn ground. It's worth 6 times as much on corn ground as it is on new seeding. On corn ground, up to 20 tons per acre. This program will provide plenty of carry-over for the oat and new seeding in the succeeding year. We still have to use commercial fertilizer to recoup the losses of improper handling. Save nitrogen by using super phosphate recommended above. ¶ Handling the manure properly without losses can return to the soil about 75% of nitrogen, 80% phosphate, and 20% of potash..."		
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