

Obituaries
and
Miscellaneous News Articles
from Kewaunee County Newspapers
'From the old RW Files'



Algoma Record Herald - July 19, 1929
JOHN HUCEK, SR., DIES; WAS ILL BUT TWO WEEKS
Moved to Algoma 3 Months Ago From Brussels

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John **Hucek**, Sr., died at his home in this city Saturday morning about 9:30 o'clock after an illness of but two weeks. Pneumonia is given as the cause of death. Mr. Hucek had always been in good health until taken with his last illness.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 9:30 from the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The Rev. William Kraemer read the mass for the dead and interment was made at St. Mary's cemetery.

Deceased was born in Bohemia 77 years ago last May. When a little lad of six he came to America with his parents and the family settled in Cooperstown, Manitowoc County. He was married at Cooperstown to Miss Anna **Pabian** 55 years ago. Three years later they moved to Brussels where they continued to reside until they came to Algoma three months ago to make their home.

Mr. Hucek was active in school and civic affairs during his earliest life. He served his school district as treasurer a number of years and was assessor in the town of Brussels for several terms. He was also village pathmaster.

Surviving are his widow and seven children, Wenzel, Lincoln; Frank, Joseph, and William, Forestville; Mrs. Jacob **Kostichka**, Maplewood, and

Mrs. Joseph **Englebert** and John, Algoma. Twenty grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Hucek was the last of his family. He was the youngest and preceded in death by his brothers and sisters.



No date- abt 1959

E.J. **HUEMPFNER** TAKEN BY DEATH

Kewaunee - A well known Kewaunee man, Edward J. **Huempfner**, 58, died suddenly Friday morning of a heart attack. He was stricken at this home while preparing to leave for work and was taken to St. Mary's Kewaunee Area hospital, where his death occurred. Mr. Huempfner, a woodworker most of his life, was employed at Hamilton's, Two Rivers, at the time of his death. He was born June 25, 1901, in South Dakota, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huempfner, and married Agnes **Novak** at Algoma June 22, 1926.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name society of Holy Rosary church, Kewaunee. Funeral services were held at Holy Rosary church at 9:30 a.m. Monday, the Rev. Michael Jacowski officiating, and burial was in the parish cemetery. The casket was taken to the church from the Svoboda Funeral chapel.

Survivors are his wife: two sons, Edward, jr., Kewaunee, and David, with the U.S. Army in California; three daughters, Mrs. Daniel (Betty) **McLaughlin**, Toledo, Ohio, Mrs. Richard (Joan) **Oehike**, Milwaukee, and Kathleen, at home; three brothers, William, Beloit, Arthur, Marquette, Mich., and John, Rhinelander,; four grandchildren; two half-sisters, Mrs. Robert **Norton** and Mrs. Glenn Norton, Rhinelander, and a half-brother, Carl, Rhinelander.



23 November 1900 Ahnapee Record

Old Settler Dies. August **Krause**, one of the oldest settlers in the town of Ahnapee died at his house on Saturday, November 17 of old age, he being 84 years old. A widow, two sons, Charles and Julius Krause, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert **Barnhardt** of Forestville, are left to mourn his loss.

Mr. Krause was born in Kassbaum [i.e., Karsbaum], Germany January 18, 1816 and was married to Miss Minnie **Miller** in 1846, coming to America ten years later and settled in the town of Ahnapee where he has resided ever since.

The funeral was held from St. Pauls Lutheran Church on Tuesdays Rev. F. J. Eppling officiating. A large number of friends followed the remains to their last resting place.



28 November 1902 Algoma Record

Mrs. August **Krause** died at her home in the town of Ahnapee last Saturday, November 22nd, her death being caused by apoplexy of the heart. Deceased was born in Schiefelbein, Germany, and was 78 years of age at the time of her death, She is survived by two sons and a daughter, Charles and Julius Krause and Mrs. **Bernhardt**, The funeral was held from St. Pauls Lutheran Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was largely attended.



Algoma Herald, 1948

NOVAK GIVEN HERO'S BURIAL

Body of Philippine Fatality Brought Back for Final Rites and Interment

Cpl Robert V. **Novak**, who gave his life in the fight for the Philippines Jan. 27, 1945, was accorded a hero's burial in St. Mary's cemetery Thursday morning.

The flag-draped coffin arrived at the Northwestern station, Green Bay, Wednesday afternoon at 2:55 and was brought to the Haucke Funeral home here where it remained until the following morning when six members of the Hostak-Novak Veterans of Foreign Wars post carried it into St. Mary's church. The burial was Algoma's first since the army began its return of war dead for final interment.

The Rev. F. C. Heimann, who had officiated at a memorial mass for the young corporal in St. Mary's church three and one-half years before, conducted Thursday's rites also. Military arrangements were handled by the Ernest Haucke post of the American Legion with the cooperation of the Hostak-Novak post. Pallbearers were Raymond **Junio**, Sylvester **Cesar**, Donald **Heidmann**, Clarence **Janda**, Roland **LeCloux** and Allen **Kirchman**. An escort, Cpl. John **Keith**, from the Chicago Distribution center of the American Graves Registration Division accompanied the body.

As the funeral cortege entered the church at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, employees at the city's manufacturing plants stopped work, faced the east and stood at attention for one minute. It was their final tribute to the Algoma soldier. Half an hour before the stores of the city had closed as a gesture of respect for Novak. They remained shut until 9:30.

The body of Cpl. Novak had been interred in the United States Army cemetery at Santo Barbara in the Philippines and was returned to Algoma at the request of his widow, Mrs. Ruth B. Novak.

He was killed in action on Luzon Jan. 27, 1945, while serving as a gunner in one of several tanks engaged in an attack with infantry against enemy pillboxes and gun positions on a hill north of Pozorrubio. The Hostak-Novak V.F.W. post was named in his memory, as well as in honor of Norman Hostak, another fatality early in 1945.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Novak, Algoma, the deceased is also survived by his wife, the former Ruth **Banks**; two children, Richard and Joyce; six brothers, Joseph and William, Kewaunee, Carl, Frank, Raymond and Edward, Algoma and four sisters: Mrs. Albert **Magle**, Algoma, Mrs. Agnes **Huempfnr**, Kewaunee, Mrs. Beatrice **Kirchman**, Rio Creek, and Mrs. Caroline **Jorgenson**, Manitowoc.



April 18, 1952

FRANK NOVAK PASSES AT 77

An Algoma resident for more than 60 years, Frank Novak, sr., 77, died Friday afternoon at 1:45 at the Algoma Memorial Hospital, one day after his admission. He had been stricken with a heart attack the previous Tuesday.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 9:30, the Rev. F. H. Heimann officiating at St. Mary's Church, and burial was in the Evergreens. The Haucke Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Novak retired in 1943, after 36 years in the plumbing business and over 15 years at the Algoma Plywood and Veneer company. He is believed to have done more.....(short part has crumbled here...)

.....She (the former Elizabeth **Cassner**) survives with six sons, Joseph and William, Kewaunee, and Carl, Frank, jr., Raymond and Edward, Algoma; four daughters, Mrs. Albert (Libbie Magie, Algoma; Mrs. Edward (Agnes) **Huempfnr**, Kewaunee; Mrs Herman (Beatrice) **Kirchman**, jr., Rio Creek, and Mrs. Frank (Caroline) **Jorgenson**,

Manitowoc

SON KILLED IN WAR

Mr. Novak also leaves a sister, Mrs. William **Jorgenson**, Green Bay, a brother, John, Algoma; 36 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One son, Cpl. Robert Novak, was killed in action in the South Pacific Jan 27, 1945. Another son and two daughters died in infancy.



Algoma Record, Nov. 6, 1951

MRS. NOWAK, 71, RIO CREEK, DIES

Rio Creek - Mrs. William **Nowak**, 71, a resident of this community for almost 50 years, died at the Algoma Memorial hospital this Thursday morning at 6:30. She had been an invalid for about 16 years and was admitted to the hospital one week before her death. Her passing was attributed to complications.

Saturday morning the casket will be taken from the Wiesner-Massart Funeral home in Algoma to St. Mary's Catholic church for a 9:30 requiem mass. The Rev. F. C. Heimann will officiate and burial will be in the parish cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from Friday afternoon to the time of the services. Mrs. Nowak, the former Lizzie **Swoboda**, was born in the East Rosiere district of the Town of Brussels, Nov. 12, 1880. She was married to William Nowak in St. Hubert's Church, Rosiere, Oct. 11, 1904. and the couple took over the Nowak farm in Rio Creek which has been in the family 94 years. Mr. Nowak died July 9, 1950.

Survivors are two daughters, Agnes and Angeline, both at home; a sister, Miss Anne Swoboda, Milwaukee, and two brothers, Charles Swoboda, Anchorage, Alaska, and Martin, Minneapolis, Minn.



7 August 1936 Algoma Record-Herald

Algoma Resident Succombs Tuesday. Funeral Services for Henry **Qualman** to be Held Friday Afternoon. Henry Qualman, a native of New York State, passed away Tuesday at 12:50 p.m. of injuries the result of a fall suffered two weeks previous. Funeral services are to be conducted by the Rev. J. F. Witter from the Foley Funeral home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Evergreens. Pallbearers are to be **Milton**, Elmer and Norman **Engelbrecht**, Sylvester **Qualman** and Clarence and Gerald **Kaus**.

Mr. Qualman was 77 years of age at the time of his death, having been born in Rome, N.Y. June 26, 1859. He moved from Rome to a farm in the Town of Forestville and about 25 years ago he came to Algoma where he worked as a cabinet maker for 17 years. Eight years ago he retired. He was married to Miss Ida **Gabert** in Door county in 1881 and Mrs. Qualman preceded her husband in death.

Surviving are seven children, Henry **Qualman**, Mrs. Hugo **Engelbrecht** and Mrs. Hugo **Griebling**, Manitowoc; John **Qualman**, and Roy **Qualman**, West Allis, and Mrs. Henry **Kaus** and Edward Qualman, Algoma; 25 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



Algoma Record Herold - Feb. 18, 1971

JULE SOQUET, ALGOMA, DIES

Jule **Soquet**, Algoma, died at 7:40 a.m. Friday at Algoma Memorial hospital where he had been a patient since the previous day.

Mr. Soquet was 71.

Mr. Soquet lived on a farm in the Town of Lincoln before retiring in 1967. He served the Town of Lincoln for 35 years in the positions of supervisor and chairman. He was born at Lincoln Sept. 16, 1899, and married Rose **Ronsman** July 4, 1921. Her death occurred May 16, 1965. His parents and two brothers preceded him in death.

Survivors are two sons, Edwin and Bernard, Algoma; three daughters, Mrs. Lloyd (Minerva) **Hucek**, Forestville; Mrs. Gabriel (Eunice) **LeMense**, Algoma, and Mrs. Alvin (Clara) **Jennerjohn**, Forestville; 22 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Jennie **Bathke**, Wisconsin Rapids.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, the Rev. Joseph Regan officiating at St. Hubert's Catholic church, Rosiere. Burial was in the church cemetery. Arrangements were in charge of Wiesner-Massart funeral home, Algoma.



Algoma Record, 11/23/1916

Elderly Matron Passes Away

Death Comes to Claim Mrs. Albertina **Stielke** Friday Evening Following Long Illness

Friday evening of last week the Angel of Death called at the home of Mrs. Albertina **Stielke** and called that matron to her last reward. Mrs. **Stielke** has been a patient sufferer for a long time, the last year she has been almost wholly confined to her bed. Dropsy finally set in, causing

her death at her home on the north side Friday evening of last week at the age of 60 years, 5 months, and 17 days.

Mrs. Albertina **Brehmer** was born on the 30th day of May, 1856, in Norrenberg, Kries Saxig, Pommern, Germany. In the year 1878, she was married. Seven years later she emigrated to this country coming directly to Algoma where she has since resided.

Mrs. **Stielke** was the mother of eleven children, four of whom have preceeded the mother in death. She was well known to a large number of our people as a hard working and conscientious woman. She had not been favored with all the happiness that many people are favored with, but still she bore up with a strong heart. Her daughters, Albertina and Elsie, especially administered to their mother with loving care during her illness. Deceased was a staunch and true member of the Lutheran Church all her life.

Besides her husband, deceased leaves to mourn her death, seven children. They are: Mary, Eliza, Albertine, Elsie, Reinhold, Charles and Walter. One brother, Charles **Brehmer** of Cedarburg, and three sisters, Mrs. August **Wetzel** of Splitrock, Mrs. Wilhelmine **Huebner** of Red Wing, Minn., and Mrs. Louisa **Kurtz** of Eland Jct.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from the St. Paul Lutheran Church in this city. Rev. A. **Schlei** officiating at the last sad rites.

Interment was made in the Lutheran Cemetary in the Town of Ahnapee. The pall bearers were: John **Braemer**, Fred **Zimmermann**, August **Iwen**, Herman **Pagel**, August **Vulp** and Ed. **Paspe**.



1952

ALBERT WESSELY TAKEN BY DEATH LAST THURSDAY

Albert Wessely, a lifelong resident of Kewaunee county, succumbed at about 2:30 o'clock last Thursday morning at the local hospital. He had been troubled with a heart ailment for sometime.

Mr. Wessely, who was in his seventy-first year, was born in the town of West Kewaunee on July 23, 1881 and he spent the greater part of his life in that township. Reared in a rural environment he chose to follow agricultural pursuits after he attained young manhood and he operated a fine farm in the Ryan district for many years until his retirement some eight years ago when he came to Kewaunee.

He was married on June 29, 1902 to the former Emma **Novotny**, who preceded him in death in November of 1948. There are surviving twosons, Alois and Elvin, and two daughters, Mrs. William (Alvina) Martin and Mrs. Evelyn **Blackstone**, all of Milwaukee. Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Mary **Bechbessinger** of Saginaw, Michigan, and Mrs. Libbie **Santroch** and Mrs. Charles (Frances) **Vlach** of this city, and two brothers, Frank S. of Milwaukee and Wenzel of Kewaunee; and four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the Svoboda Funeral Home with the Rev. William T. Hosking, pastor of the Community Congregational Church, officiating and interment was in the Kewaunee Public Cemetery. The pallbearers were old friends and associates of many years standing, Messrs. Clayton **Shinnick**, Joseph **Kacerovsky**, Ezra **Burmeister**, Frank **Ruttner**, Walter J. **Wessely** and Eugene **Beaurain**.

During an active career that brought him a full measure of success as a progressive farmer, Mr. Wessely enjoyed the highest esteem of his neighbors and a wide circle of friends. He was an active member of the Z.C.B.J. Lodge for many years and he took the interest of a good citizen in his home community and its progress. His associations, both social and in a business way, were pleasant and cordial and everyone who was privileged to know him will mourn his passing.



7 September 1893 Ahnapee Record

Miss Minnie **Wiedowart** [**Wedewart**] died at the residence of her uncle, John Wiedewart, in Ahnapee town, last Sunday morning. We were unable to learn particulars, except that she died of a cancer.

The funeral took place last Monday afternoon in the German M. E. church in this city, Rev. J. F. Romoser officiating,

A large concourse of mourning friends of the deceased attended the funeral.



Algoma Record-Herald of June 21, 1907

DEATH OF MRS. WIZNER OLD RESIDENT OF THIS CITY PASSES AWAY AFTER A LINGERING ILLNESS

Mrs. Elizabeth Wizner died at her home in this city on Sunday, June 16th, at the ripe old age of eighty-six years. In Mrs. Wizner's death the community loses another of those sturdy pioneers who braved the dangers and discomforts of the frontier settler's life, and gathering their little all about them undertook the arduous task of carving out a fortune and a home in the unbroken forests of northeastern Wisconsin.

She was born at Prague, Bohemia, July 5, 1821, coming to the United States in 1852. After a short sojourn at Milwaukee she and her husband came up as far as Cooperstown, Manitowoc county, where they resided for some eight years. They came on to Algoma, then called Wolf River, in 1864, and settled upon the homestead which has ever since remained the family home. Mrs. Wizner's husband preceded her to the grave on July 11, 1876, and she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Annie **Novak**, and four sons, John, Joseph, Wenzel and Gottlieb, the latter of whom is a resident of Marinette, Wis., the others still living here. The burial took place from the family home on Tuesday, Rev A. W. Barnlund officiating.

(nowhere in the article does it give the husband's name, which was Matthias in Bohemia, but he used Matthew here.)



Newspaper Articles

These are articles from old newspapers pertaining to Kewaunee County.



Kewaunee Enterprise June 29, 1859

PHELAN.....Estate of John Phelan, dec., of the town of Coryville. Last will & testament, dated 4 July 1859. (Kewaunee County Court)



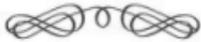
Manitowoc County Chronicle July 16, 1872

Removed to Manitowoc.-

The Ahnepee correspondent, of the Kewaunee Enterprise writes as follows concerning our old friend F.W.

BORCHERDT:

F.W. BORCHERDT has resigned the position assistant post master and S.C. **PALMER** has been appointed to fill the vacancy. The office will be hereafter in Mr. Young's building (Mr. Boldt's old store) near the pier. The fortunes of life (and we hope they will prove glorious fortunes in his case) have induced Mr. BORCHERDT to change his place of residence, and he is preparing to leave Ahnepee and to settle in Manitowoc. By this change Ahnepee will lose one of its best citizens; one esteemed and loved by all who know him, and loved and esteemed the most by those who know him most intimately. In the future journey in life we wish that all his ills may be little ones.

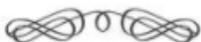


Wedding- Manitowoc County Chronicle, Tuesday, August 20, 1872

Marriage:

READ-JOHANESS-

At the residence of the bride's father in Kewaunee on Saturday, Aug. 10 by Rev. L. Nietmann, John M. READ and Miss Caroline W. JOHANNES all of Kewaunee



The Ahnapee Record, April 24, 1884

--A notice of the time and place at which the republican convention for Kewaunee county will be held, is published on the second page of the RECORD this week.

--There are several sidewalks in this city which are sadly in need of repair. The attention of the officials whose duty it is to have repairs made, is called to the matter.

--A term of the circuit court for this county will be held at the court house in Kewaunee, commencing on Tuesday, May 5, 1884. The calendar will probably be a short one.

--Leopold **Meyer** is doing quite a flourishing business in the stove and tinware line. He has recently ordered a new lot of cooking stoves which he expects will arrive at an early day.

--A young lady aged 0 years, 0 months and 0 days, arrived at Jos. **Dudajack's** house on Saturday evening. She proposes to stay and boss things for a while and Joseph appears to be happy.

--Joseph **Dudajack**, who has been in business here the past few years, contemplates selling out and removing to some western state. He expects to leave here sometime the coming summer.

--Sturgeon Bay has a real live poet, and his compositions are published in the Door County Advocate. All neighboring journals will please doff their hats--so to speak to the fortunate Advocate.

--William **Dalziel**, formerly a resident of Carlton, Kewaunee county, died at his home in Pukwana, Da., on Sunday, April 13, 1884, aged 37 years. His death resulted from the kick from a vicious mule.

--The board of supervisors of the town of Ahnapee will hold a meeting at the office of William **Fagg**, town clerk, May 1st. Considerable business of importance will be up for consideration by the board.

--The gutters in several of the principal streets, and a number of the alleys, sadly need cleaning up and the appearance of the town and the health of the people demand that the work should be done.

--The farmers in the western part of the county are busily engaged with their spring's work. In several towns farmers have already begun putting in seed grain, the season, though backward, is still some weeks ahead of last year.

--Tiff & Hay have their new hardware store in Sturgeon Bay in almost complete running order, and it is safe to say that it is one of the most comprehensive establishments of its kind in this section of the state. So says the Advocate.

--Hon. D.W. **Stebbins**, of this city, and Hon. J.E. **Darbellay**, of Kewaunee, started to day for Milwaukee where they will be joined by L.M. **Sherman**, Esq., of Sturgeon Bay, when a conference will be held with F.W. **Rhineland**, Esq., president of the Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western railroad, relative to the proposed extension of the railroad from Two Rivers north to Sturgeon Bay.

--From Henry **Haegle**, who called at this office Tuesday, we learn that Leopold **Seiler** lost a heifer the other day in a singular manner. It appears that the heifer stood near a horse in the barn, and that while eating, the horse accidentally or intentionally got hold of the heifer's tongue and bit off a piece several inches in length. Being thus disabled from eating, the heifer had to be killed. It was a singular occurrence.

--The roof of Leopold **Meyer's** residence, on 4th street, caught fire last Tuesday, but the flames were discovered and extinguished before much damage had resulted. The fire originated, probably, from sparks lodging between the shingles. An alarm was sounded from the Engine House bell and the fire brigade responded promptly to the summons, but it was found unnecessary to place and operate the engine. The damage in the building is slight and is fully covered by insurance.

--A running race took place here yesterday forenoon between a horse owned by Charles **McDonald** and another owned by Mr. **Frochlich**. The race which was one heat and the distance one mile, was won by Mr. **McDonald's** horse. The parties had put up a forfeit of ten dollars to run their horses a straight five mile heat, the winner to take both horses, but when the hour came for starting, Mr. **Frochlich** declined to let his horse run and forfeited the money. The mile race was then arranged and resulted as above stated.

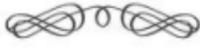
--The Kewaunee Enterprise last week contained the following: Matthias **Forst**, of Montpelier, was brought before County Judge **Miller** yesterday at the instigation of Miss Filomena **Jicha**, of the same town, who claimed that Matthias was the father of her prospective child. Believing "discretion the best part of valor" the defendant agreed to marry the plaintiff then and there, which ceremony was performed by the Judge in his usual pleasant and dignified manner at the conclusion of the trial, after which the young couple took their departure.



9 May 1890, Ahnapee Record.

While fishing off of the breakwater last Sunday afternoon, Mr. Henry **Qualman** lost his balance and fell into the lake. Mrs.

Qualman who was with her husband succeeded in handing him the end of a fish pole which aided him in getting to the dock where he was helped back to "dryness" by Louis **Wiese**. The conditions which exist on the breakwater are such as would have made it hard for Mr. Qualman to have helped himself, there being no place where a party in the water can gain a foothold even though he should succeed in getting to the dock. It is therefore extremely fortunate for him that people were near to lend him a hand.



19 Feb 1891 Ahnapee Record

John **Wiedowart** [**Wedewart**] of Ahnapee town, has been granted a pension of ten dollars per month, to date from June 1890. Mr. Wiedowart's many friends will be pleased to learn that Uncle Sam has dealt with him so generously.



Algoma Record, Thursday, June 25, 1891

FIFTY YEARS AGO

FRED **MATEJU** has sold the business which he has been conducting here under the name of the Ahnapee City Bakery to John **Decanter** of Sturgeon Bay and Joseph Richmond of this place. The transfer took place last

Monday. The purchases are refitting the premises and will be ready to open the business within a few days. A

restaurant will be run in connection with the bakery.

Algoma Record Thursday, January 21, 1892

The RECORD IS INFORMED that Gottlieb **Wiesner** has leased the front room on the second floor of the G. R. Wilbur building on Steele street and will open a tailoring establishment therein within a few days.

The Ahnapee Record, Thursday, Jan. 28, 1897

Georgia has passed a stringent anti-trust law and appropriated \$1,000,000 for the support of her public schools. No other state that voted for Bryan has manifested so much inclination to do better in the future.

Canadian farmers need not sit up all night to learn whether President McKinley will sign the Republican Protective Tariff of 1897. It is a foregone conclusion that he will do all he can to keep their products out of our markets.

The legislature met in joint convention at Madison Tuesday, and elected John C. **Spooner** U.S. senator to succeed Wm. F. **Vilas**. Every republican and one gold democrat voted for Mr. Spooner, the vote being as follows: **Spooner**, 118; **Silverthorn**, 7; **Bragg**, 2.

According to the returns, as canvassed by the legislature, the plurality of the Democratic candidate for Governor of Tennessee is 15,959. It seems strange that the experts who had charge of the counting did not make it an even 16000 while they were at it.

News of the World

An Iowa man will establish, in Texas the largest dairy in the world.

Gov. Smith of Montana swears that **Corbett** and **Fitz** shall not fight in that state.

After a bitter fight, the tenth Virginia district Senatorship was settled last Friday. The seat was given to Mr. Tucker over Mr. Yost by a vote of 127 to 119.

At Madison, after a brief session, ex-Senator John C. **Spooner** was nominated for U.S. Senator from Wisconsin by acclamation. Aspirants for that position do not seem to have such an easy time of it in other states. Here is the result of it in other states. Here is the result of the third ballot in the state of Washington; fifty seven votes being necessary to a choice: Turner, 24; Cline 16; Winsor 9; Squire 4; Baker 3; Rader 4; Denny 25; Witt 1; Crow 1; Daniels 14; H.I. Forest 4; Davis and Andrews 2.

County Board

Proceedings of the Adjourned Annual meeting of the co. Board of Supervisors County Clerk's Office, Kewaunee, Wis., Jan. 4, 1897

The indigent Soldier's relief commissioners presented the following report.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. **Haney** and carried:

Kewaunee, Wis., January 5th, 1897.

to the Honorable County Board of Supervisors of Kewaunee County.

Gentlemen:--We hereby submit for your consideration the amounts allowed by us for the ensuing year to different indigent Soldiers and Soldier's widows of Kewaunee county as follows:

Names Amt

Mrs. Eunice **Henry** of Ahnapee \$4.00
Max **Jadin** of Kewaunee 3.50
Edward **Carl** of Kewaunee 4.50
Samuel **Decker** of Casco 5.00
Mrs. Mary **Sullivan** of Pierce 5.00
Mrs. Frank **White** of Red River 9.00
Thomas G. **Chapman** of West Kewaunee 3.00
Mrs. Peter **Lenert** of Kewaunee 5.00
Henry **Bregger** of Luxemburg 7.00
Frank **Haushire** of Carlton 5.00
Mrs. Mary **Hallam** of Ahnapee 5.00

Total \$56.00

We would respectfully recommend that the county clerk be instructed to draw county orders on the treasurer for the several amounts above mentioned quarterly in advance.

John **Ihlenfeldt**
Joseph **Paider**
Alfred **Vibber**
Indigent Soldiers Relief Commissioners

The committee on printing and stationery to whom was referred all bills for expenses of printing and stationery having had the same under consideration presented the following report on said file of claims, on motion said several claims were disposed of according to the recommendations of the committee as follows:

To the Honorable County Board of Kewaunee County,

Gentlemen:--We the committee on printing and stationery beg leave to report we have examined all bills brought before us and recommend that they be allowed in full and that the items of \$1.50 in bill No. 829 for publishing teachers institute notice be charged to the account of W.W.

Williams late superintendent of schools all of which is respectfully submitted.

John B. **Gigot**
John **Busch**
Michael **Arendt**

No. Name and nature of claim Am'tAl'd

809 H.G. Razall Co. county order book \$14.00
910 " sundries for the court house 19.56
812 William **Rogers** expenses for the county 1.45
821 Thomas **Kiawacek** fees for clerk of circuit court .80
821 O.H. **Martin**, M.D. returns of births and deaths 3.30
823 Math. **Ericksen** board of L.C. **Outzen** and others 13.25
825 Annie **Zelinsky** washing for county jail 11.60
828 Frank **Kohlbeck** expenses for the county 30.50

830 Town of West Kewaunee expenses for a non resident 30.50
 836 Anton **Hlansky** watching L.C. **Outzen** 5.00
 837 Bach, Kieweg & Poser co., sundries for the court
 house and jail 2.70
 843 E.A. **Taylor** et al returns of births 40.55
 844 John **Ihlenfeldt** per diem and mileage on the S.R.C. 4.44
 845 Joseph **Paider** per diem and mileage on the S.R.C. 3.12
 346 Alfred **Vibber** per diem and mileage on the S.R.C. 3.18
 748 Wm. **Trudell** teams hire etc. 10.00

The committee on poor to whom was referred all claims against the poor house and poor farm presented the following report on the same. The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. **Adams** and carried.

To the Hon. the County Board of Kewaunee County:

We the committee on poor would respectfully report that we examined all bills laid before us and compared same with the vouchers of Supt. on poor. We would recommend that the bills be allowed as by us recommended all of which is respectfully submitted.

John L. **Hanfy**
 Aug. **Detloff**
 Wm. **Hobus**
 John **Busch**
 John B. **Gigot**
 Committee

No. Names and Nature of claim Am'tAl'd

897 Tim **madden** meat for the poor farm \$ 3.75
 808 Frank **Goslein** white washing at poor house 4.00
 814 Ernest **Heck** threshing grain on poor farm 13.00
 827 H. Bruemmer & Sons flour for the poor house 6.72
 838 Bach **Kieweg** & Poser Co. sundries for the poor house 41.43
 839 A.W. **Teske** sundries for the poor house 28.73
 840 Pete L. **Donovan** seventy-five lbs. clover seed
 for poor farm 6.00
 841 Frank **Chmeyla** sundries for the poor house 11.00
 842 Jes **Erichsen** belt for the poor farm 4.20
 851 Jilas **Doyen** medicine for horses on the poor farm 6.25

On motion of Mr. **Adams** the board resumed committee work.

At 12 o'clock the board assembled. (cont)



23 November 1900 Ahnapée Record

Miss Anna **Barnhart**, who for a number of years was employed as cook in the Hotel Algoma of this city, lost all of her clothing in the burning of the Hotel French at Sturgeon Bay Sunday night. She was employed as cook in the hotel at the time of the fire, but did not sleep there that night, so was unable to save anything.



21 November 1902 Algoma Record

John and James **Hilton** disposed of the Hilton farm located on the North side of the river this week, Charles **Krause** being the purchaser. The boys received \$5,000 for the bare farm and John retains the privilege of living on the place for a period of one year. The Hilton farm is considered to be one of the best farms in this part of the

county and Mr. Krause is to be congratulated on securing so valuable a piece of property.



Wedding - 7 May 1912, The Algoma Record

Charles **Schmitt** and Miss Anna **Netzer** of School Hill, Manitowoc County, Married Tuesday. Mr. Charles Schmitt, manager of the Farrell Lumber Company's plant here and Miss Anna Netzer of School Hill, Manitowoc County, were united in marriage at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Catholic Church at School Hill. The bride was attended by Miss Mary Schmitt of Two Rivers, a sister of the groom, and Mr. Albert **Holson**, of Manitowoc acted as best man. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, the happy pair leaving in the afternoon for Two Rivers, where they will spend a short time as the guests of the groom's mother, Mrs. John Schmitt, and will take a honeymoon trip through the southern part of this state and Michigan.

On Tuesday evening Messrs. John Schmitt, Otto **Keneltz**, Dr. H.N. **Leete** and Arthur **Johnson** of this city left for Two Rivers in an auto, and spent the evening with the Schmitt family at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Schmitt will arrive in this city the forepart of next week, and will take up their residence on Fourth Street where they will be at home to friends after Saturday, May 25th.

During the past two years that Mr. Schmitt has made his home in this city he has made a host of friends among our readers who heartily join the Record in extending congratulations.



Wedding- 18 May 1912, The Reporter, Two Rivers, Wis.

SCHMITT - NETZER

The wedding bells rang merrily this past week. Chas. **Schmitt**, manager of the Farrell Lumber Company of Algoma and Miss Anna **Netzer** of School Hill, this county, were married last week Tuesday.



Crescent Beach Echoes 1920 Board of Education for Algoma High School:

Board of Education 1920 E.A. **Klatt**, Secretary, J.H. **McGowan**, President, and W.A. **Neseman**, Treasurer. Much of the success of an institution is due to the efficiency of the administrative body who guide its affairs. The Board of Education is to the school system what the board of directors is to a business corporation. Upon their judgement depends the selection of good teachers and their management arranges for the school equipment without which the works of the teachers could not succeed. We are especially fortunate in having a school board that takes a keen interest in the affairs of the school and encourages cooperation with us by practising it. Mr. McGowan, recently elected president of the Board, is not new to its duties, having been an active member for many years. being a successful lawyer and practical business man he is peculiarly fitted for the educational duties he has again assumed. We have greatly appreciated his many visits and helpful tasks to us in the general assembly and in our class rooms. Mr. E.A. Klatt is now serving his sixth term as a member of the Board. he is one of the A.H.S. Alumni, having been a member of the class of 1896 and since graduation has completed a business college course. This, with the practical experience as one of Algoma's progressive business men, makes him an able and valued public servant. Mr. W. A. Neseman, treasurer, is also an Alumnus, a member of the Class of 1905. he is a bookkeeper for the Plumbers' Woodwork Company, and is now serving his fifth year of the Board of Education. Mr. Neseman has always taken an active interest in school matters and is rendering the community excellent service as custodian of the school funds.



Wedding- Algoma Record, Friday, August 19, 1921

THURSDAY MORNING at the hour of nine o'clock, Miss Nell **Biese**, Wrightstown, and Leo **Melchior**, of this city, were married at St. Paul's church of Wrightstown. The young couple was attended by Elmer Melchior, brother of the bridegroom, and Miss Agnes Biese, sister of the bride. Following the ceremony at the church a wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents after which a reception was held in honor of the newlyweds. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Biese, Wrightstown, and is well known to a number of people here. She is held in high esteem by all who know her. The bridegroom is one of the progressive young businessmen of this city. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Melchior, sr., and holds a position in the Melchior

Brothers store.



Algoma Record, Friday, August 19, 1921

CLIFFORD **WENNIGER** has purchased the Third ward park property from the Wenzel Wenniger estate. He also purchases a five-acre tract of land from John **Groessel** which will be used for an athletic field. Considerable work in the way of improving the property is contemplated by Mr. Wenniger.



Algoma Record, Friday, August 19, 1921

EARLY TUESDAY MORNING while returning from Sturgeon Bay the Lee **McLaughlin** taxi struck a culvert near the county line on the River road about a mile on this side of Forestville. The car struck loose gravel and skidded in such a manner that the obstruction could not be avoided in time to avert the accident. The car was damaged considerably but none of the passengers were seriously injured, although all were thrown free of the machine.



Wedding- Algoma Record, Friday, August 19, 1921

WEDNESDAY EVENING at the hour of seven o'clock, Miss Sara **Moeller** and Frank **Lohrey** were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. A. F. Schlei of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran church tying the nuptial knot. The young couple was attended by Miss Leone Lohrey and Erwin Lohrey.



Algoma Record, Friday, August 19, 1921

MISSES CATHERINE AND FELICIA **Reinhart**, Carrie **Wochos**, Etta **Clorn**, Evangeline **Meyer**, Isabel **Fenske** and Messrs. Richard **Wochos**, Robert **Zastrow**, Clarence **Zastrow**, Alvin **Kraus**, "Bill" **Moore** and Lester **Heidmann** motored to Lilly Bay Sunday. Dinner and supper were served by the ladies in the Mrs. **Barnhart** cottage.



Wedding- 21 November 1922

PLEDGE MARRIAGE VOWS

Miss Mayme **Chervny** of Carlton becomes happy Bride of Julius **Sinkula**

The St. Joseph's Catholic church at Norman was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday morning at eight o'clock, when Miss Mayme Chervny of the town of Carlton and Julius Sinkula of this city pledged their marriage vows. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Shimek, pastor of the congregation. A number of friends and relatives of the bride and groom were present at the ceremony.

Miss Viola Sinkula, a sister of the groom, was the maid of honor and Edward Chervny, a brother of the bride, acted as best man.

Following the ceremony at the church the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous wedding dinner was partaken of. In the afternoon and evening a reception was given in their honor at which a number of friends and close relatives were present to take part in the festivities. The rooms were prettily decorated and gave a most charming effect.

The bride is one of the most popular and well liked young ladies of her home community and in this city, where she was employed. After having graduated from the public schools in Carlton, she entered the local High school from which she was graduated with honors with the Class of 1920. In the fall following, she enrolled in the Green Bay Business College, where she completed a stenographic course and became employed in the office of the Kewaunee Mfg. Co., where she remained until her marriage. Possessing a charming personality she has a host of friends and acquaintances who wish her every joy in her new life. Mrs. Sinkula is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chervny of Carlton.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sinkula of the town of Carlton, with whom he has made his home with the exception of the past three years. One year was spent at Green bay and for the past two years he has

been employed as salesman in the grocery department of the Duvall Co. store. Julius possesses a genial disposition which has made him many acquaintances and friends in this city while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinkula will make their future home in this city, the groom having a home all in readiness for his bride.

The press takes this method in extending its congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.



8 November 1929, Algoma Record Herald

Schlosser Car Hits Qualman. Louis **Qualman** was struck by a car driven by F. F. **Schlosser** on Highway 17 near Forestville Sunday evening at about eight o'clock. Qualman was quite badly bruised and suffered a dislocated shoulder. The injured man was taken to a physician's office at Forestville and later to the Algoma hospital where he is convalescing.

According to Mr. Schlosser the accident occurred just as an approaching car passed and he did not see Qualman in the road until too late to avoid hitting him. It appears that Qualman was walking in the center of the Highway and stepped to the right to avoid the car approaching from the north into the path of the Schlosser machine. The driver of the other car, a Manitowoc man, sensed that the man would be hit and stopped his machine after passing. It is reported that the Schlosser car was stopped within its own length.

Mr. and Mrs. George **Schmelzer** were riding with Mr. and Mrs. Schlosser and the party were on their way to Maplewood.



June 29, 1934. Algoma Press Gazette.

Excerpt Tells Story of Early Pioneer Trials

The following is one of the priceless recordings of early pioneer experiences in the Algoma community taken from the manuscript of the proposed historical work "Wolf River, Ahnapee, Algoma" which is being prepared by G. I. **McDonald**, assisted by F. I. **Elliott**. It briefly sketches, in the author's homely way, the coming of one of the pioneer families with interesting sidelights on the hopes and ambitions of those early settlers.

This paragraph is just a sample of the many references to the early empirebuilders along the Wolf:

"After the death of a couple of their children in their home in Germany, August **KRAUSE** and his good wife decided to leave the Fatherland for America, so with their one remaining child, a daughter, Bertha, they came to Wisconsin in the summer of 1856, landing at Manitowoc. It was during raspberry time and the mother and daughter picked berries and earned their keep while the father took the beach for Wolf River where he had been informed that good land for farming could be easily procured and a living assured by a sale of the forest products taken off while clearing. Krause picked his homestead and put up a shanty and returned to Manitowoc to accompany his wife and daughter to their new home. The land thus entered has been in the Krause family ever since, from August to Charles, and from the latter to Martin, who with his family live on one of the finest farms in the town of Ahnapee, the "August Krause Homestead." Bertha married Robert **BERNHARDT**, a pioneer in this section."



Algoma Herald- 1941

One of the friendly farmers of the Ryan vicinity in West Kewaunee town is LODDIE **MAHACEK**, a farmer-musician, who although getting on in age still appears with the orchestra bearing his name now and then, but he confesses that his stamina is nothing like it was in the old days when with the vitality of youth on his side he regularly played until the wee hours of the morning at country dances, and after each came home and often with hardly any sleep put in a full day of hard farm labor.

Mr. Mahacek was born in West Kewaunee Mar. 31, 1883, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mahacek, his father coming from Bohemia and settling on Loddie's present farm.

Except for nine years when he rented the Ryan cheese factory from his father, Mr. Mahacek centered his life about farming, gaining his formal education in the common school of his district. He married Miss Emma **Pawlitzki** at Kewaunee Nov. 26, 1905.

The man who is known quite widely in this vicinity for his interest in oldtime dance orchestra work, operates his 80-acre farm with care and a feature on his farm is his home-made corn husker, the third and best one he built.

FIRST TRIAL FAILS

When he got it into his head to build his first husker, he had neverseen a commercially made one, but heard about them, of course. The first one didn't work, but his luck was better on his second try. This machine worked very well, but did not stand up as well as it might have because it was equipped with wood rollers.

Having learned much in building the first two, the third was a superiorproduct, featuring sturdy steel rollers. With good ripe cobs to work on, he said that last year three men and the machine husked 92 bushels of corn in one hour. He got 336 bushels in two cribs last year.

So far as Mr. Mahacek's interest in music goes, he began at the age of16, being taught by Wenz Wiesner, Algoma, and he played with other bands, such as Novaks, Scarboro, before forming a Brass band of his own. He plays the concertina in the orchestra, but started on the cornet and violin. Quite often his orchestra goes to Nadeau, Mich., toplay engagements, but because its members are getting older, they are no longer as active as in former year.

"But in those days it wasn't as hard as is now," said Loddie in summing up the late hours demanded of those men who supply the music for dances,especially when most of them put in a full day's work besides. But actually it was only easier years ago because he was younger.

(Note: There is no masthead with this article, but the neighboring articles are from the 1941 Algoma Herald.)



Algoma Record-Herald, 1941

DROBNIK SAYS HE'S NATIVE OF ALGOMA

In an article appearing recently in the Cicero, Ill, Life, H.R.Drobnik,faculty member of the commercial department in the High school there,was quick to give Algoma as his home town. The article read:

"Algoma, Wis., can proudly claim as her own native son, H.R.Drobnik,faculty member of the commercial department for the past 19 years."Mr. Drobnik's higher education was received at the Whitewater State Teacher's college and at Northwestrn university. When his degree was obtained, he taught for one year in a rural school and for one year inthe Wakefield (Mich.) High school and then joined the faculty at Morton.

"Mr. Drobnik has the honor of being the treasurer of the Morton FacultyMutual Insurance association, and he has an active interest in the development of the commercial department.

"Music occupies much of his leisure time and he greatly enjoys thepleasures to be derived from piano playing."



Algoma Record-Herald-1941

DR. FRANK FELLOWS' LIFE TOLD IN MAY "FORTUNE" MAGAZINE

Publice Health Service Work Carried Him to All Sections of Country and to Alaska

A native of Algoma, Dr. Frank S. Fellows, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Fellows, Agoma, whose work as a United States public health officer has carried himself and his family to almost every section of the United States and to Alaska as well, was singled out for a long article in theMay issue of one of America's finest magazines, Fortune. Only 41 years of age, Dr. Fellows is now located in North Carolina, to which state the United States lent him as consultant on venereal disease control. In this capacity he spends about one-quarter of his time in the Raleigh office and three-fourths of it in the field. The Fortune article said that that his days were long, beginning at daylight and dragging into the evening.

He has been in North Carolina four years, the article reveals, and when he came there were but 47 clinics in the state, compared to 285 today.

Work with Negroes

Much of his work in this southern state is with the negroes, there being about 1,300,000 of them there. About 15 per cent have syphilis. Incidence of syphilis among the white population is estimated at between three and four per cent, or 80,000 cases, the Fortune story states.

The negroes seem to have no shame about having "bad blood," Fortune relates, but some fear the treatment and hesitate at coming once a week for the 18 months it takes to cure them.

A summary of dr. Fellows' life concludes the article, telling how he worked his way throught the University of Wisconsin, where he attended medical school two years and then transferred to the University of Pennsylvania, marrying Miss Clarice Lemmer, registered nurse, before leaving. Hie received his M.D. from Pennsylvania in 1925 and was introduced to the work of the U.S. Public Health service at the St. Agnes hospital in Philadelphia.

Moves About Rapidly

In the summer of 1926 he took the health service examinations, which altogether lasted a week, and was one of the 5 out of 250 to pass. First he was made assistant surgeon of the U.S. Public Health service at \$2,300 annually, with allowance as for rent, light and heat. He was assigned to routine medical work at the Chicago Marine hospital and two months later he was ordered to the Norfolk, Va., Marine hospital.

After a year he was transferred to quarantine station at Rosebank, Staten Island. Later he went to Seattle, Wash., where medicine and surgery were added to quarantine station duties. Next was similar work at Portland, Ore. In 1930, after four years in the service he was eligible for promotion, wrote another successful exam and became a Passed Assistant Surgeon with a pay increase of \$1,000 a year. Next he was ordered to Juneau, Alaska, where he was to be on loan to the office of Indian affairs in charge of the entire Alaska health program.

Back to the States

In the fall of 1934 he was ordered to Albuquerque, N.M. to be Indian medical director of the southwestern district, but after being there only a month was transferred to New Orleans, where he was at the Marine hospital two years, where he became interested in the venereal disease problem.

In 1936 the State of Tennessee asked for the loan of an officer, and he went to Nashville, and during the 1937 flood at Memphis he served in that city for a month. He went to Carolina in June, 1937.

After being in the service 12 years, he took his third examination and was promoted to the rank of surgeon with another \$1,000 rise in pay and now he gets \$5,200 a year in salary and allowances. The article in Fortune says: "It is less than most good private physicians make but it's enough to live on, in a big comfortable house with a colored girl to help Mrs. Fellows with the work."



Feature Article, Record Herald, Algoma, WI (About 1944)

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

When you call at the Farrell Lumber company office these days, if Manager Charles **Schmitt** isn't out in the back shop helping the "boys", you'll likely as not find him busy shaking off the sawdust that he gathered while on an excursion out there the last minute or two. The Farrell Lumber company like every other business organization has felt the pinch of the labor shortage and Manager Charles many times during the course of the day is called out to fill in the gaps.

Call on Mr. Schmitt at the family residence at the corner of Fourth and Washington streets though, and it would be an unusual evening if he wasn't relaxing in his favorite chair by the radio, puffing on his preferred brand of cigars, and ready to discuss the latest in war maneuvers or give you first hand information on the raising of poultry. The raising of poultry, more especially chickens, has absorbed a good deal of the Schmitt attention since spring and has gone far in stretching the scarce stamps in the ration books of the family.

Mr. Schmitt, son of a lumberman, John Schmitt, sr., was born in Two Rivers Mar. 5, 1889, and lived in that community until 33 years ago when the Farrell Lumber company was organized and young Schmitt, at that time a 21 year-old, was sent to Algoma as the company's manager. Before coming to Algoma, he had been running a saw mill for the Mann Brothers of Two Rivers for about three years. The concern in Algoma which was to operate under the firm name of Farrell Lumber company was purchased from Henry Grimm in 1910 and was selling lumber and making and selling cheese boxes at the time it changed hands. Five years later the Farrell Lumber company added the selling of fuel - coal and wood - and has continued at this combination lumber and fuel business to the present time.

In 1931 the company began an expansion program by taking over the Casco yard from the Fuller-Goodman company and six years later the Fuller-Goodman yards at Maplewood and Forestville were also purchased.

Besides serving the company as general manager, Mr. Schmitt is also president. Other officers are F.W. **Dicke**, Two Rivers, vice president and John Schmitt, Two Rivers, secretary-treasurer.

May 7, 1912, Mr. Schmitt married Anna **Netzer** at St. Nazianz and the Schmitt family circle includes eight children, one of whom is serving overseas with the army in Africa, Pfc. Charles Schmitt, and another, Mark, who is studying for the Catholic priesthood at Collegeville, Minn. The other children are John and Katherine, both employed at the Farrell Lumber company's Algoma office; Mrs. William (Elizabeth)

Eickelberg, Sturgeon Bay; Anne, Margie and Jimmie, at home.

Mr. Schmitt takes an active interest in church affairs and two years ago he completed a quarter century's

service to the Immaculate Conception church as treasurer. He has been active in the Knights of Columbus organization since its beginning in Algoma and is also a member of the Holy Name.

His hobbies? Well, you might take those chickens that have been roosting in the Schmitt back yard and put them down as No. 1 on the list, but the cottage at Braunsdorf's beach which is equipped with numerous conveniences unexpected at a cottage, runs a close second. Then, too, when Mr. Schmitt is rocking back and forth on that favorite rocker he may be deep in hobby No. 3, and in his mind is toying with some new folding table that his imagination has rigged up for him.



Feature Article, Record Herald, Algoma, WI, about 1960

Veteran Lumberman, Firm Round Out 50 Years Together

Charles **Schmitt**, sr., veteran Algoma lumber dealer, long ago lost track of the number of homes erected under his supervision, but there's no doubt that if all clustered together they would form a sizable community.

Big homes, small homes, simple abodes and grand dwellings - all have come off the drawing board of Mr. Schmitt and out of the lumber sheds of the Farrell Lumber company, and with the homes have been, of course, a variety of other construction.

Recently, Mr. Schmitt observed his 50th anniversary with the firm, which he continues to serve as president. Although officially retired since 1958, he still has a steering hand on the Farrell business and now and then shows up at the office.

The Farrell company also observed its 50th anniversary in recent weeks. Mr. Schmitt has been with it from the day it was organized. With the exception of M.F. **Kohlbeck**, Algoma clothier, probably no other Algoma man has had longer business association here than Mr. Schmitt.

As a testimonial of his 50 years with the Farrell Lumber company, the directors recently presented him with an onyx ring set with a diamond. Presentation was made at a family gathering in the Schmitt cottage at Braunsdorf beach.

Family Tradition

The senior Charles Schmitt represents the second generation of the family to go into the lumber business and the tradition is being carried on by the third and fourth. His father, John, was a Two Rivers lumberman. His son, also named John, now manages the Algoma yard of the Farrell Lumber company and another son, Charles, jr., is manager of Farrell's branch at Kewaunee. John's son, Charles, is in charge at Casco. It was a favorable day 50 years ago when Mr. Schmitt, at that time a young man, was called into the office of Dr. A.M. **Farrell** at Two Rivers.

Why don't you get into the lumber business? the doctor asked after putting his young visitor at ease.

With what? was the frank retort.

I'll help finance you along with your brother, Henry.

That was the first conversation that Charles Schmitt, sr., had with Dr. Farrell. It was the start of the Farrell Lumber company in Algoma and its branches.

Young Schmitt had attracted the attention of Dr. Farrell through his work at the Mann Brothers sawmills in Two Rivers. Although only 21, Schmitt had been put in charge of mill operations and had 165 men working under him.

Comes to Algoma

The suggestion that he should leave a promising future at the Two Rivers sawmills came unexpectedly, but with the promise of financial backing from Dr. Farrell and an older brother, Henry Schmitt, who six months earlier had gone into the lumber business with the doctor, Charlie decided to give Algoma a try.

As a result, the Farrell Lumber company was organized and young Schmitt was sent to Algoma to manage the business purchased from Henry **Grimm**. At that time cheese boxes were made, doors and windows were manufactured and a retail lumber business was conducted.

I had never seen Algoma before we came here and bought out Henry Grimm, Schmitt recalled. I can remember walking down fourth street as though it were yesterday and saying to myself, "This is a beautiful town,"

Qualities of this city which impressed the newcomer were its cleanliness and friendliness, and another important asset was its electricity, although it wasn't until two years later that day current as well as night current was provided and the Farrell company introduced electric motors. Before that it operated with gas and steam.

In addition to noting upon his arrival that Algoma was clean and friendly, Mr. Schmitt observed that the city's 1800 souls were amply provided with homes, a fact not particularly encouraging to one going into the lumber business. But Algoma's population was to more than double during the next 50 years and with it the need for dwellings.

Real Nice Arrangement

It was a real nice arrangement in those days, Mr. Schmitt recalled through the customary cloud of cigar smoke. There were two meat markets, two shoe stores, two drug stores, two department stores and two each of most other lines of business. Everyone kept to his own line and all did a nice trade.

We had the nicest bunch of business men any community ever had, he continued, picking out at random the names of **Lidral, Melchior, Reinhart, Boedecker, Kohlbeck** and others. They were all such grand people.

Not long after the start of the Farrell Lumber company in Algoma, expansion began. In May, 1914, it purchased the Sawyer-Goodman yard on the north side of the river, and in July, 1931, Fuller-Goodman company offered for sale its yard at Casco.

Six years later Farrell took over the Forestville and Maplewood yards of Fuller-Goodman, later discontinuing these two branches, and in 1959 opened a branch in Kewaunee in the Albrecht Manufacturing company building.

Also some years ago the Farrell Lumber company put up an oil station east of its Algoma office, leasing it to Cities Service.

Lumber has been the big line through the years but fuel - coal and wood - was added about 1915.

Likes Today's Homes

Mr. Schmitt expresses approval of today's popular one-story home. In fact, he so approved it that in 1951, he built one for himself and his wife, Ann. It's located on Adams street and is a popular gathering place for the couple's seven children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. All the children live within a reasonable driving distance of Algoma, including the Rev. Mark Schmitt, recently named head of the Catholic parish at Weyauwega.

Born in Two Rivers Mar. 5, 1889, Mr. Schmitt was one of 10 children. Coming to Algoma as a young bachelor, he made his home the first couple of years with the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles **Gaulke**, who operated a boarding house at the corner of Fourth and Fremont. As many as 13 were around the bounteous dinner table at one time, Mr. Schmitt recalls.

He married Ann **Netzer** at School Hill in Manitowoc county May 7, 1912, and the couple established a home in Algoma.

Throughout his Algoma residence, Mr. Schmitt has been active in church affairs and served as trustee of St. Mary's parish about 30 years. He is a charter member of the Algoma Knights of Columbus council and earlier was affiliated with a Green Bay council.

Newspaper Insert --

To Serve Coffee

In recognition of 50 years in the lumber business on the part of Charles **Schmitt**, Farrell yards at Algoma, Casco and Kewaunee will be serving up free coffee and doughnuts Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21 and 22, in honor of the occasion.

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