

Welcome to Conover's Centennial Celebration

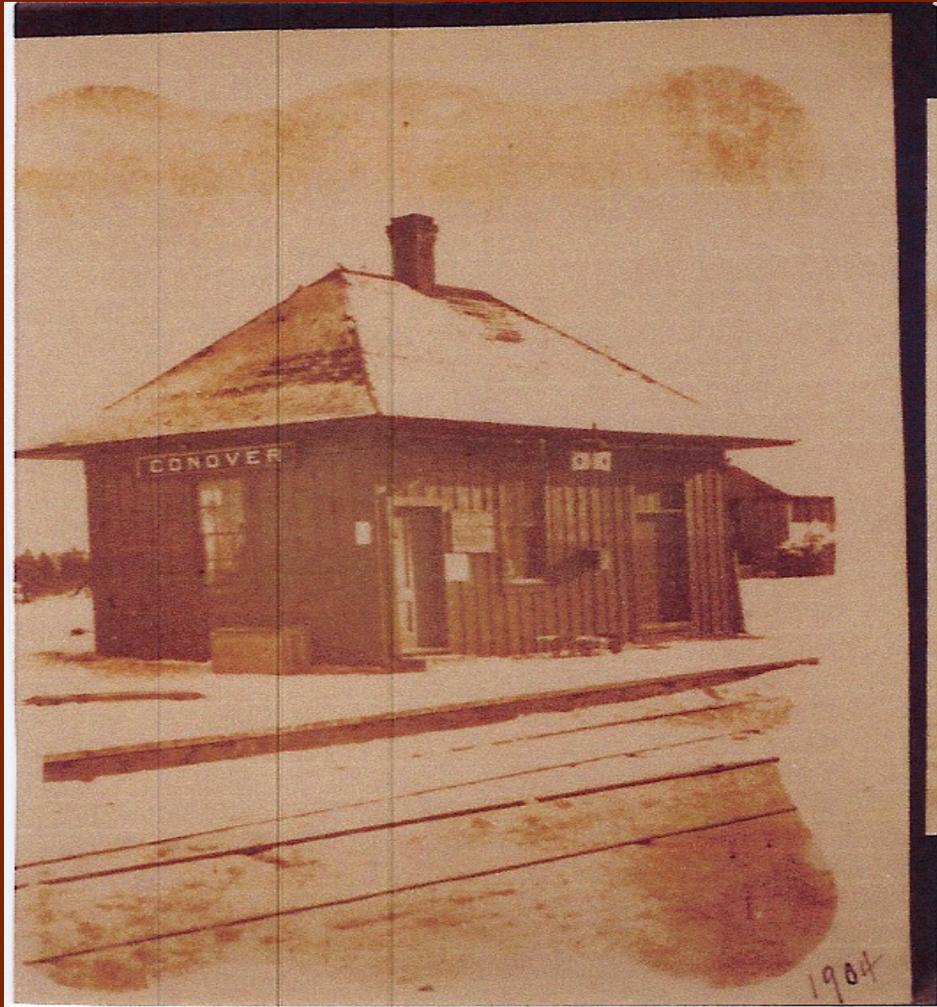
Celebrating a Century in Paradise

1907 - 2007

The man for whom our town is named is SETH H. CONOVER who came from Plymouth Wisconsin. A prominent cheese buyer, he worked in his younger days as a cheese maker in his father's (Hiram) cheese factory. His father, Hiram Conover was born in 1821 in New York. Seth's interests and hobbies were fishing and hunting which led him to the wilds of Northern Wisconsin.

His mode of transportation was the C.N.W. Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. After having the train stop in the same location over the years, the railroad men referred to it as the 'CONOVER STOP.' The location was such that Seth could journey to North and South Twin where he spent his time hunting and fishing. With logging camps in the area and Seth's many trips to the area, a station was built there and it soon appeared on official railroad maps as "CONOVER."

Early Depot



Seth Conover's Family Plot

in the Union Cemetery at Plymouth Wisconsin





Hiram Conover



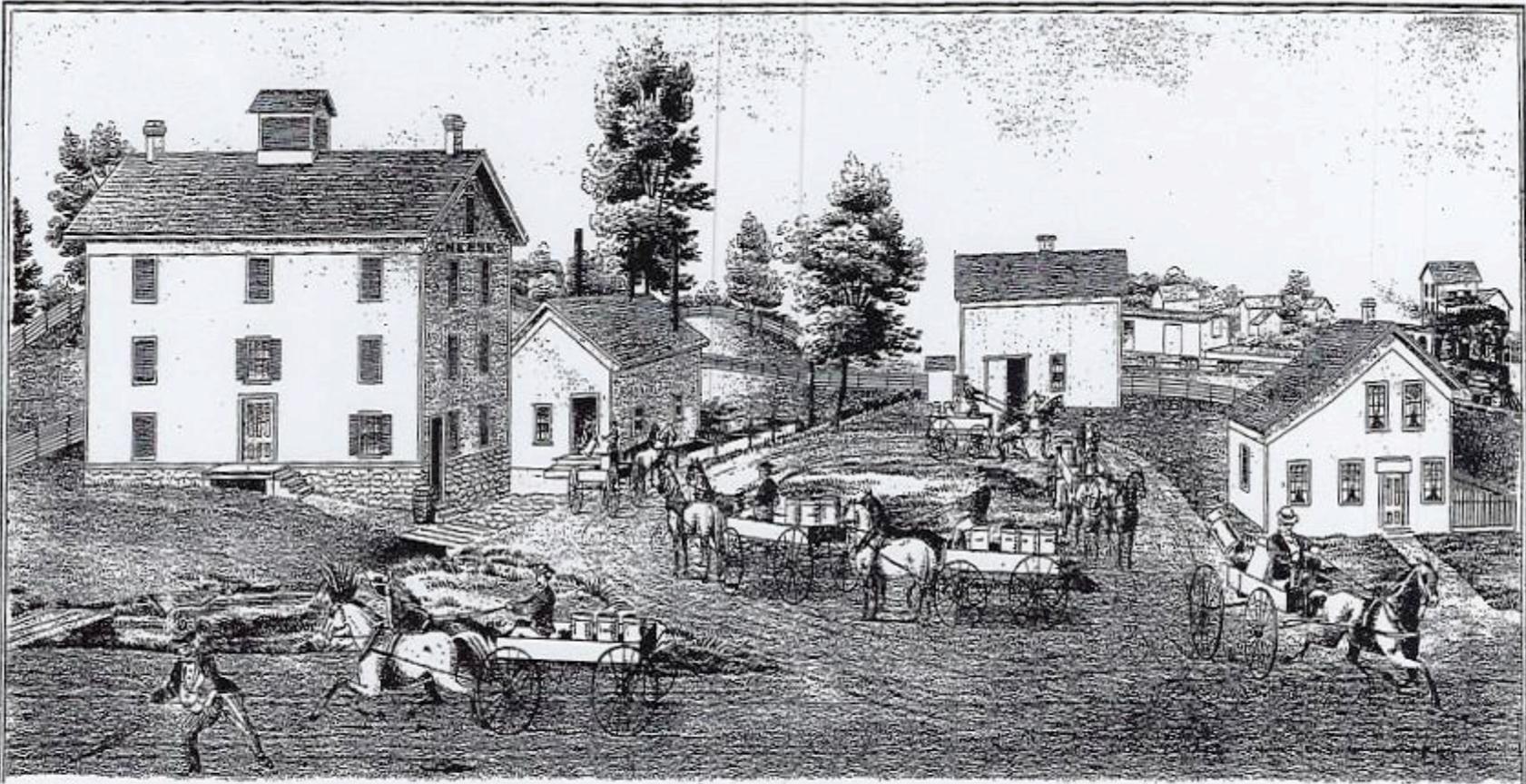
Seth H. Conover

Seth Conover married Nancy Louise in 1872. She was born in Illinois in 1855. They had 4 children – Amy born 1873, Mary born 1876, John L born in 1880 and Henry Frank born in 1878. Both were doctors. Henry practiced in Sheboygan County and John retired from the Army as a Colonel. John is buried in Colorado. Amy was administrator of her father's estate when he died in 1932. She died 11 years later.

Mary Conover lived less than one year: This is a quote from the Plymouth Reporter (1876)

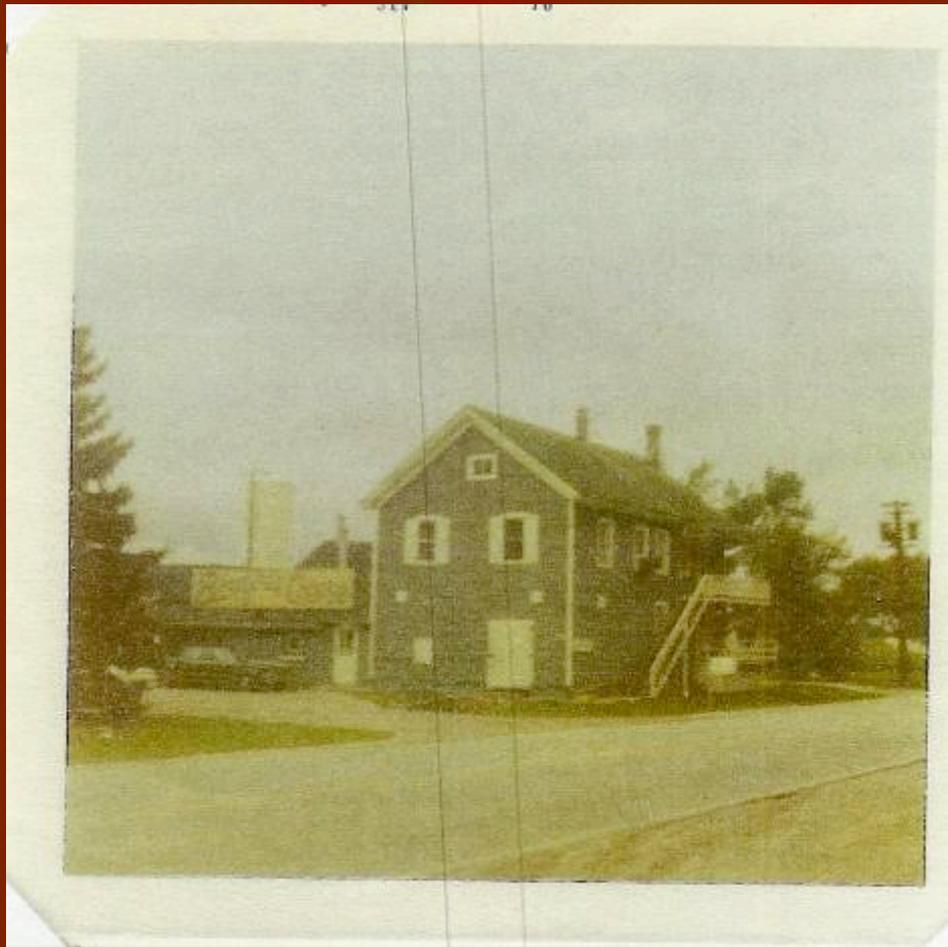
On Tuesday morning, October 4th, 1876 – in the city of Plymouth, Mary, youngest daughter of Seth and Louisa Conover, age 9 months and 5 days died.

About 5 weeks ago, she was accidentally scalded, since which time she suffered greatly til death came to her relief. The most tender and loving care of family and friends and assiduous attention of skilled physicians, were of no avail. The News extend its sympathy to the bereaved parents.



CONOVER'S BAMFORD CHEESE FACTORY - PLYMOUTH WI
AS IT APPEARED ON THE SHEBOYGAN ATLAS IN 1875

A building at the Bamford Cheese Factory as it looked in 1970



Built in 1910 by Peter Wolff – a popular design of a fire-safe castle of the Queen Anne look. First tenant was Seth Conover's Father (Hiram).

Location is: 321 Reed Street - Plymouth



100th Birthday – July 2006

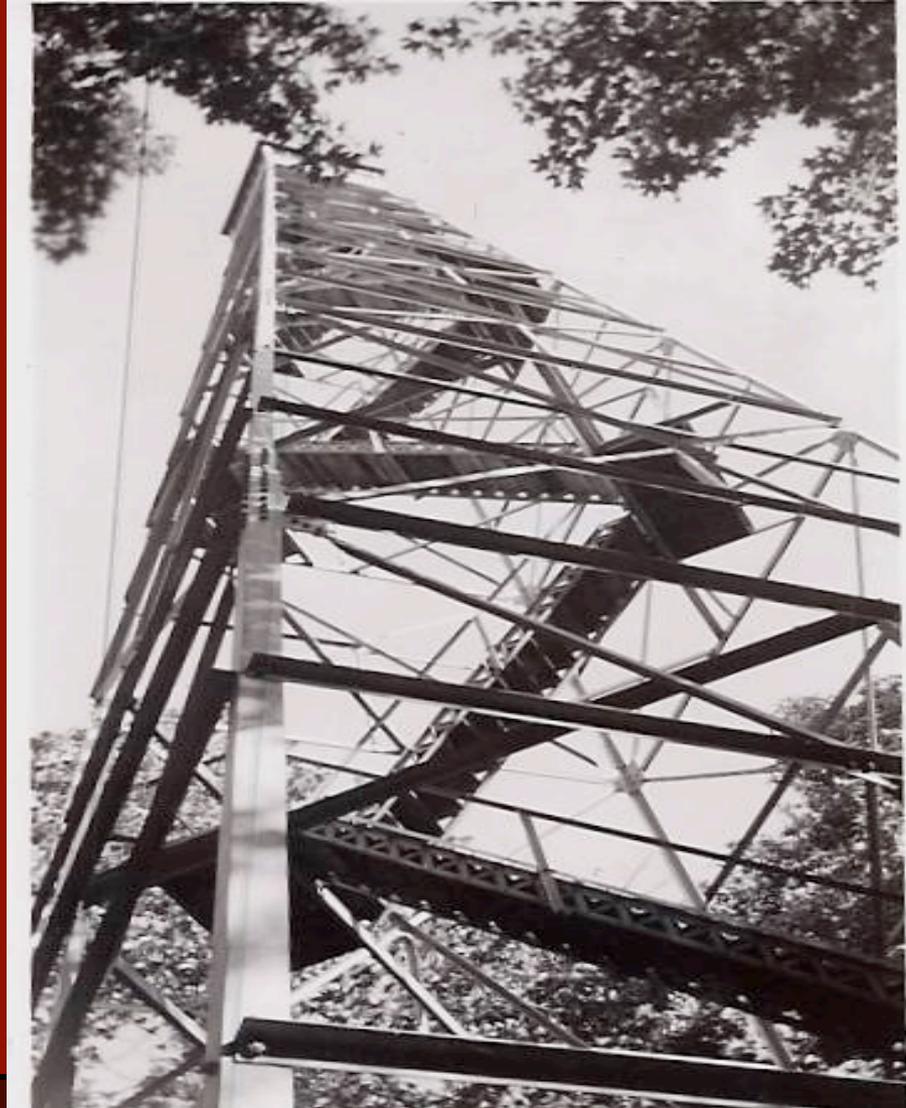


- Family and friends paid tribute to a true Conover Historian – Elly Christensen in a Special Party on her 100th birthday in the Conover Park and a wonderful Summer day in July. 100's attended!

Creek off N. Flowage Road



Fire Tower



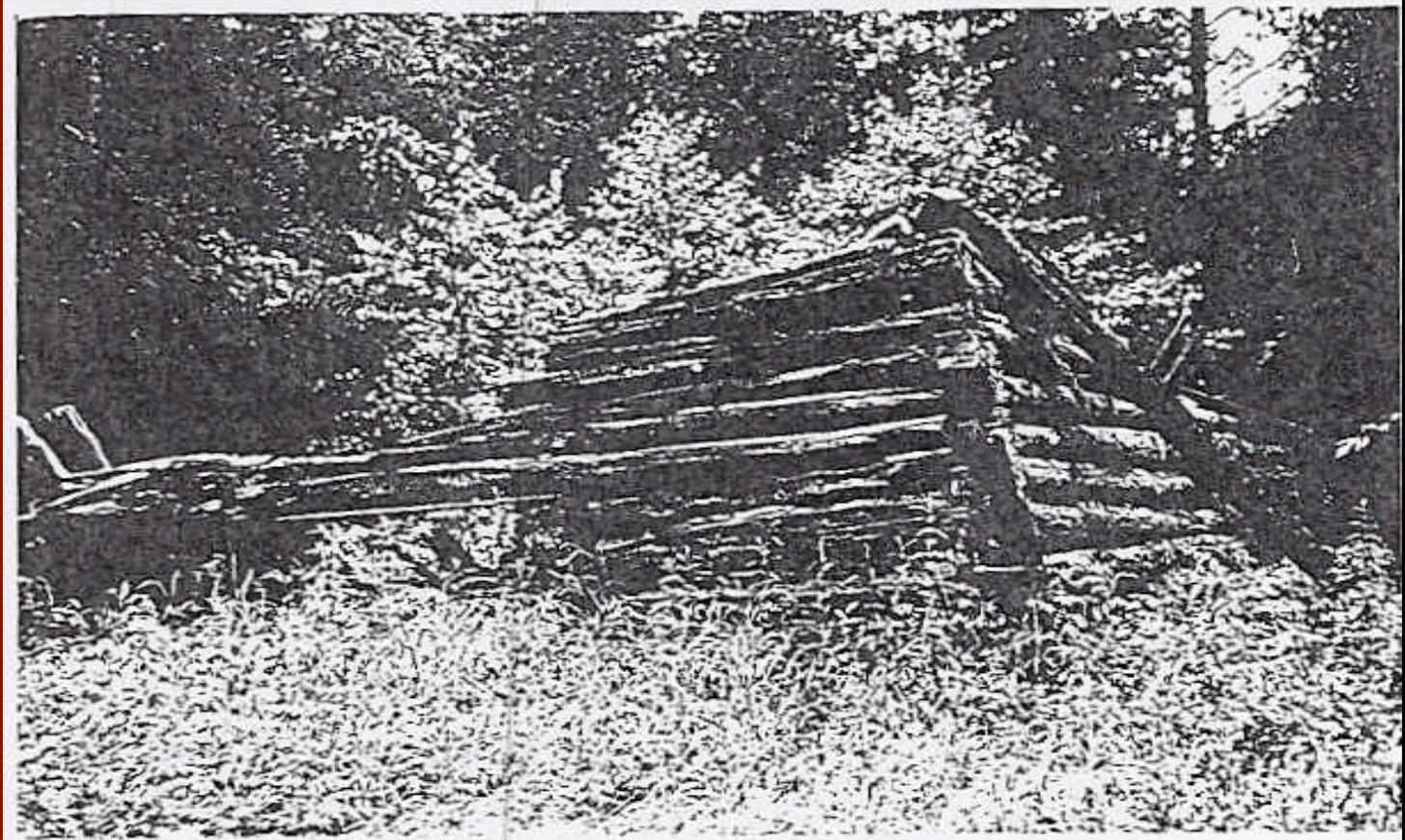
John Mark Price Memorial Scholarship

A Memorial Scholarship Fund was created in the name of John Mark Price who gave his life on December 20, 1989 for his country in the conflict in Panama. The Conover Chamber administers funds in his name to be awarded to graduating Conover High School Graduates each year. The fund has been awarded to 44 students since 1990. The foundation is made possible through fund raising efforts of the JMP Scholarship Benefit Dinner and through the donations of both individuals and businesses.

John Mark Price



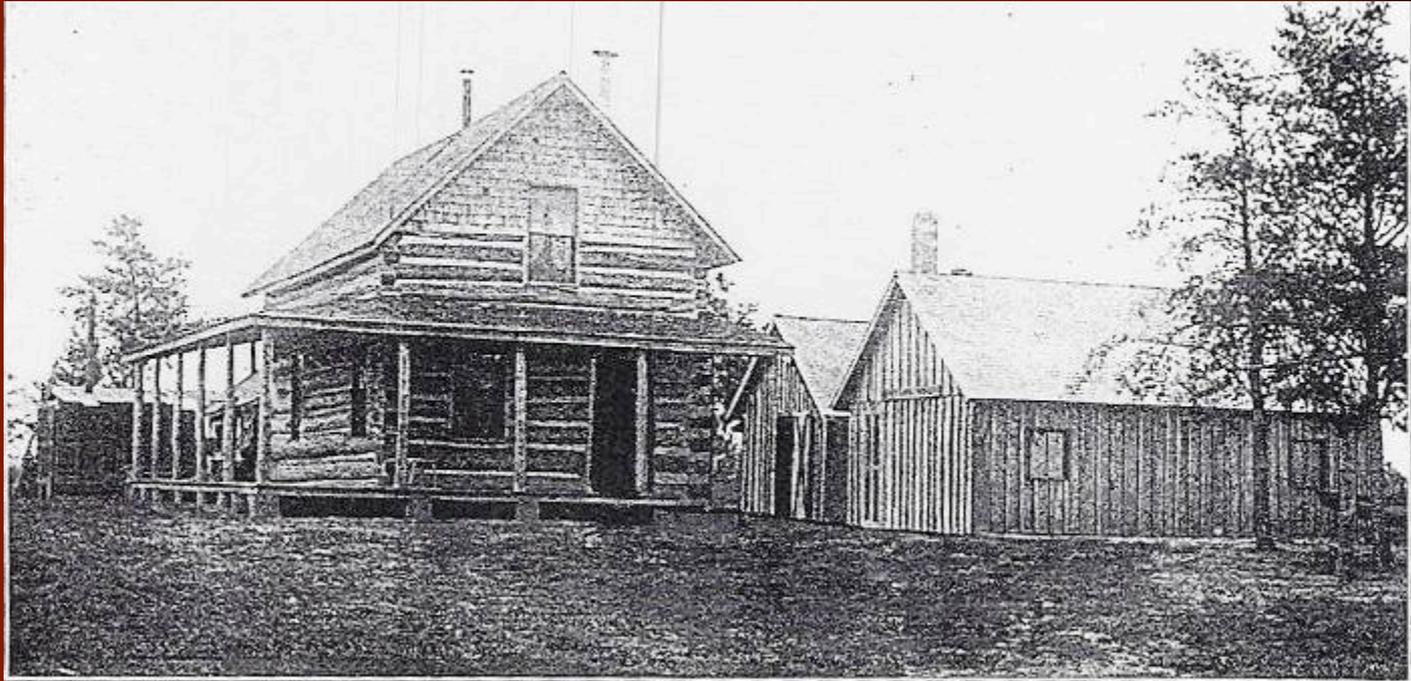
Remains today of Hayward's Farm on the Haymeadow Creek



Conover's Poet of the Pines

- Enos F. Hayward homesteaded 80 acres on Highway 32 and in the quiet setting, he wrote a novel in 1904 "Two Bits" "Philosophy of Rhymes" in 1914 and "Poems of the Northwoods" in 1922.
- A stalward man with a wave in his hair, he loved conversation and last lived on Stormy Lake.

Haywards Haymeadow Farm

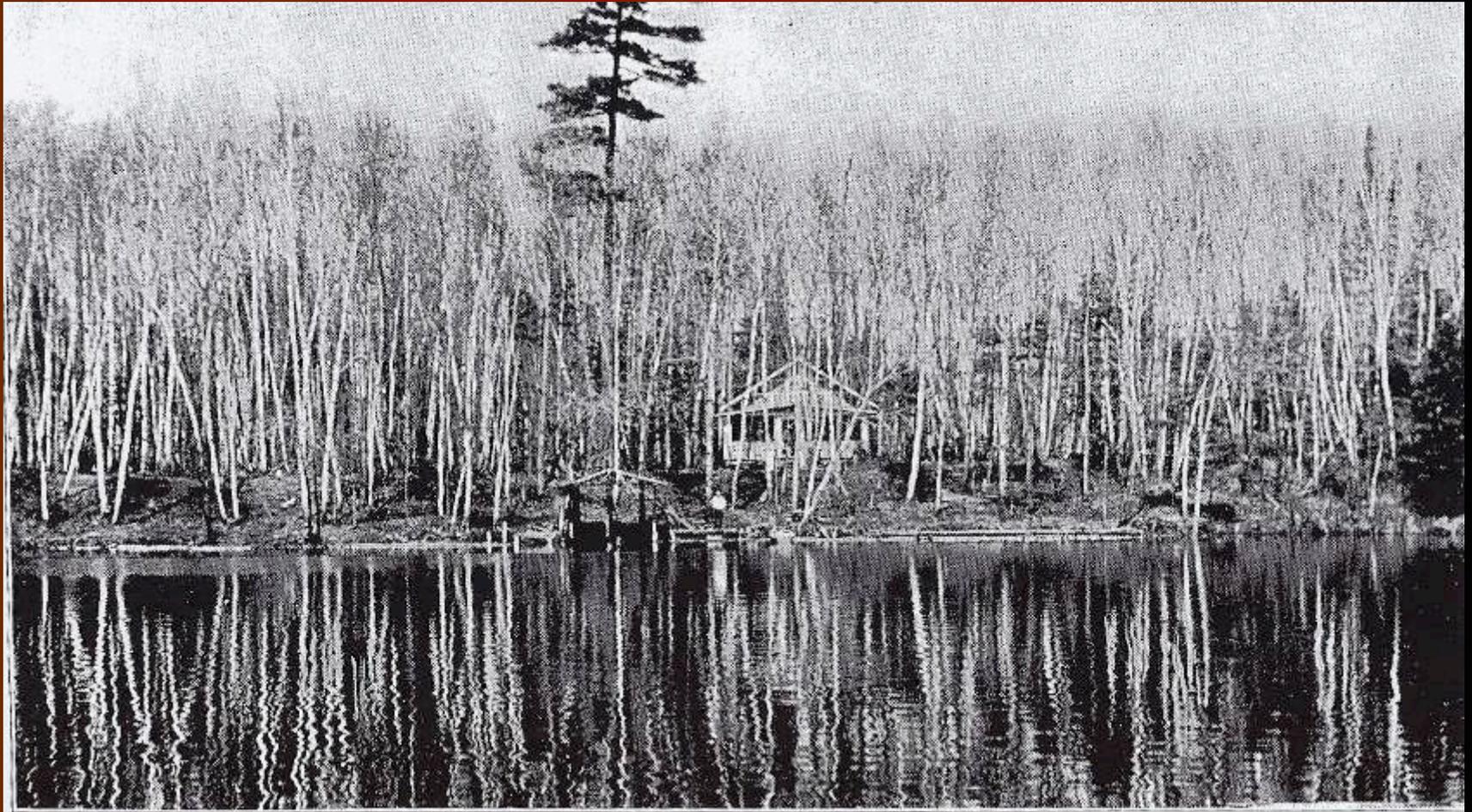


Haywards Haymeadow Farm, California, 1850s



Enos F. Hayward
Poet of the Pines – Haymeadow Farm

Hayward's Last Property on Stormy Lake off Denton Road



Hayward

- He was born in Iowa in 1866. At 19, he traveled selling garment cutting machines and also taught garment cutting. He did this for 27 years with a territory from the Ohio River to the Pacific Coast. He collected relics, specimens of minerals and other curiosities in his travels collecting over 37,500 which were displayed in the lobby of the State Bank of Fayette Iowa. He came to the Haymeadow in 1901.

1940 – Spring Thaw took out the Dam on the Tamarack

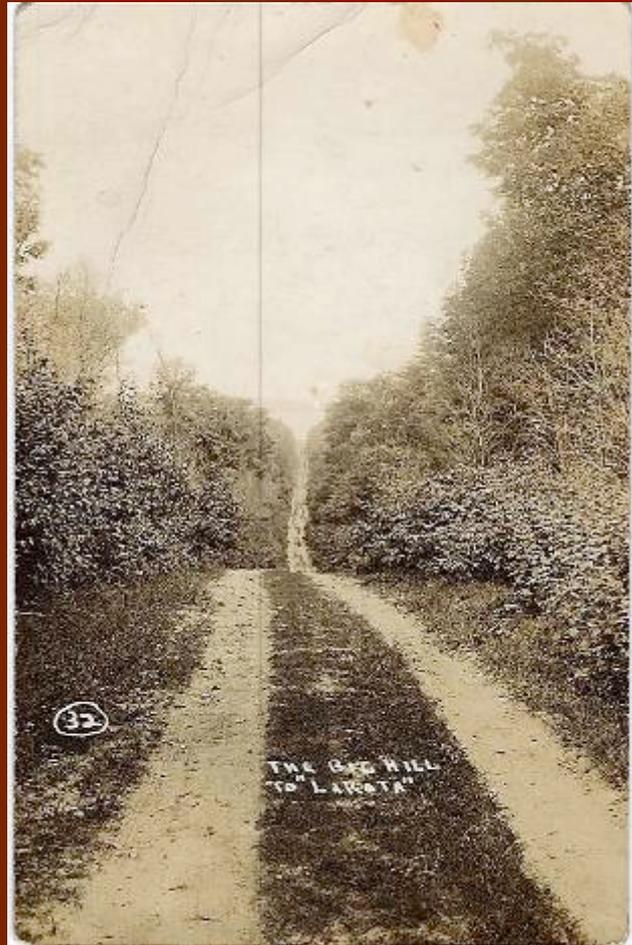


Tamarack Dam washed out and took out County S in it's wake!



Tamarack before Bill Steiner created the dam





- County K East
- Top of the hill on County K Looking down toward the power sub-station and on to the Boat Landing on Lakota Road – Seth Conover Days

Fireside

Photos by Sue Huels



Blue Gill Campground on the location of the current Chain Skimmers Park



Fireside probably in the 50' & 60's

Contributed by Sue Huels





THE FIRESIDE - CONOVER, Wis.

Johnson Photo

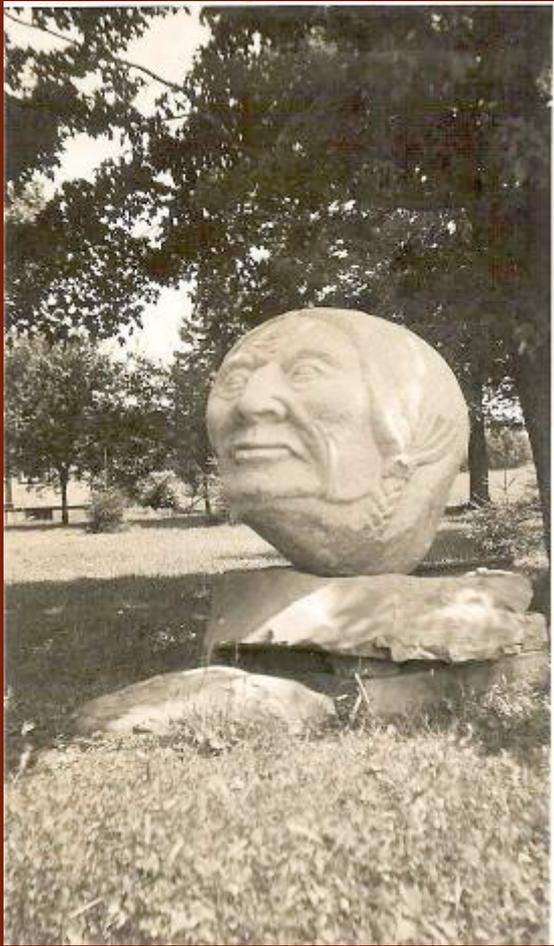


THE FIRESIDE

CONOVER, WIS.

Johnson Photo

Charlie Reed's Sitting Bull and Daughter Irene



Simon Reed's Glider

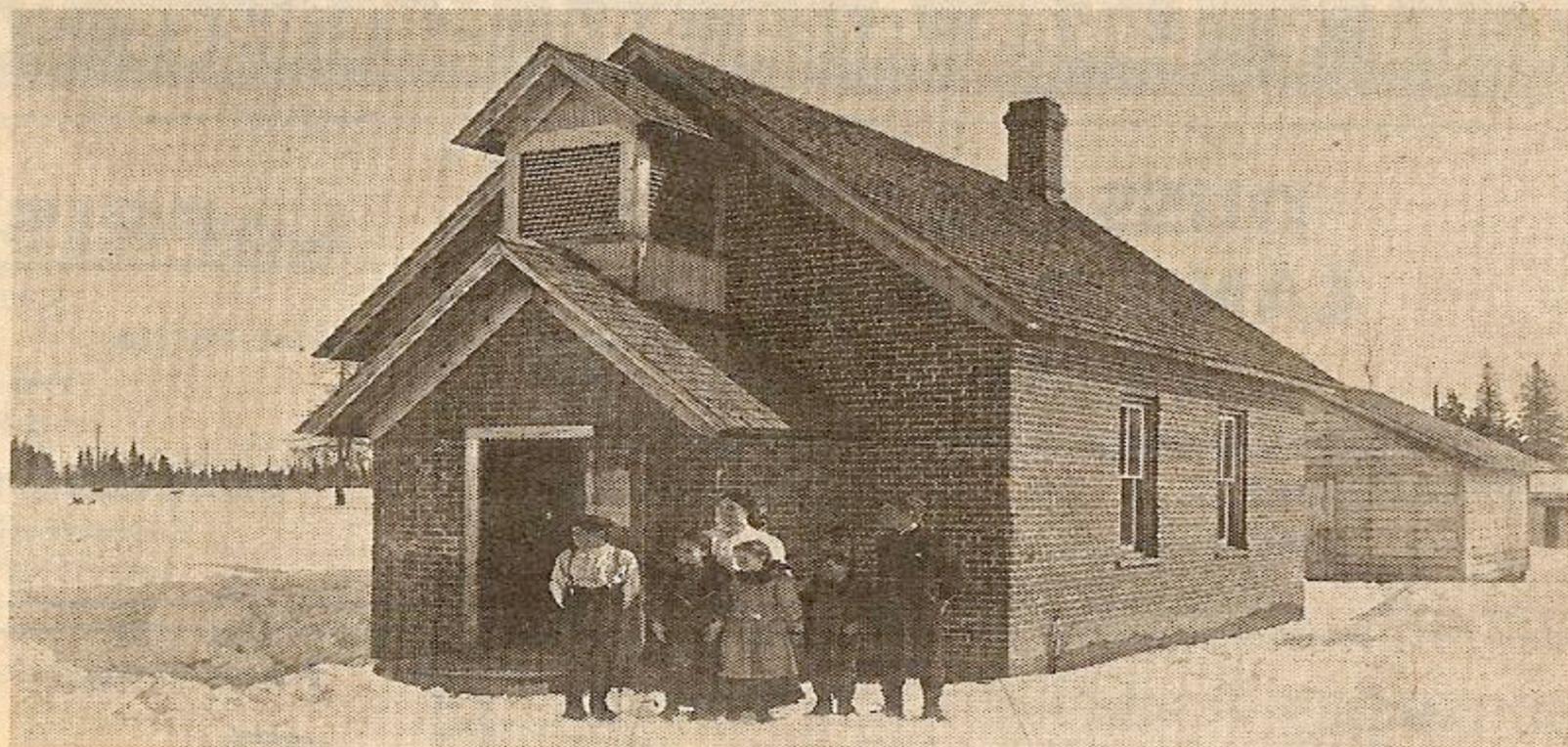


Highway K and 45



Turn Back the Clock

[To the year 1906]

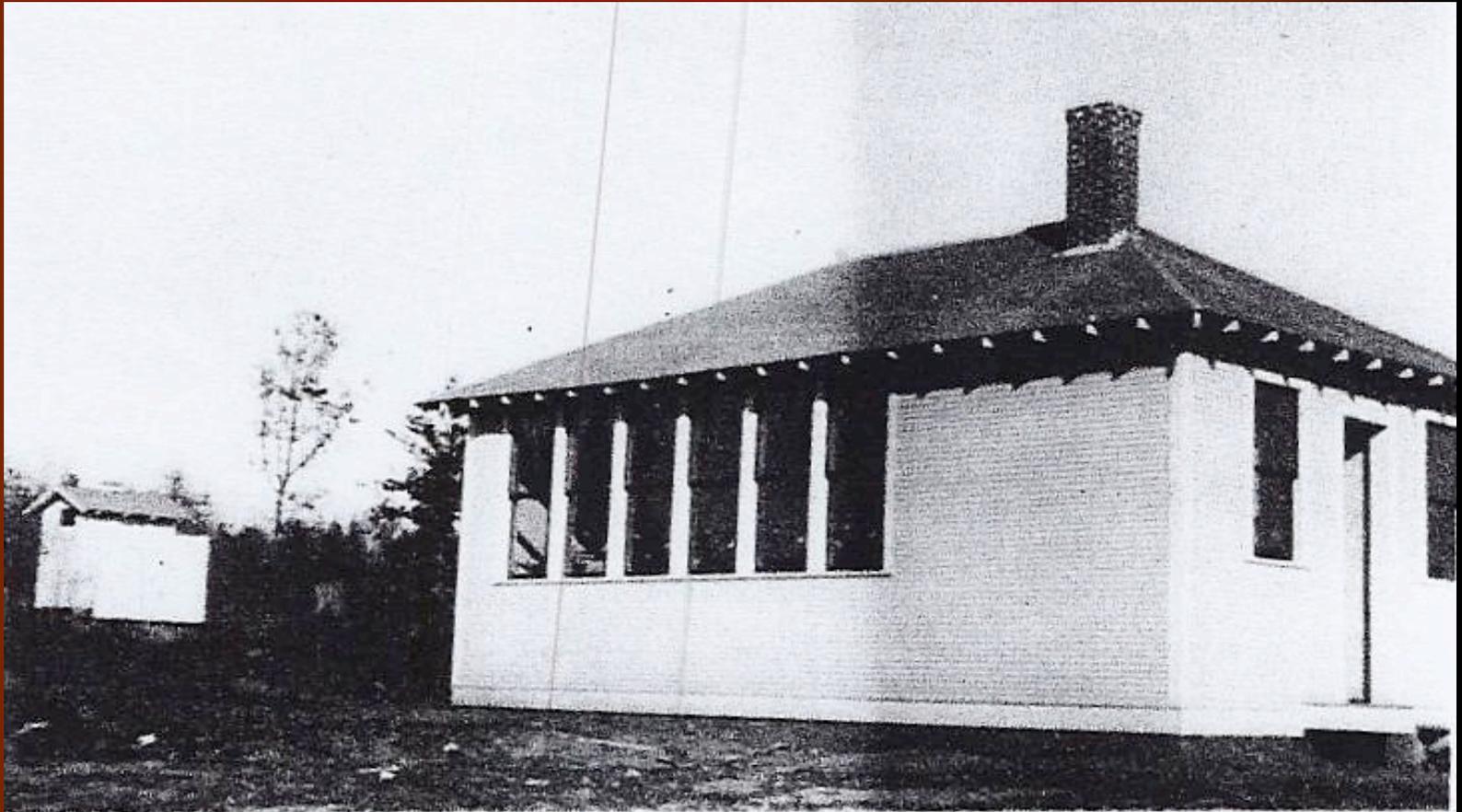


Students attending the Conover School in 1906 pose outside with their teacher on a day that looks warm and sunny in spite of the snow on the ground. The children are, left to right, Fred Sailer, Prudence Bates, Margaret Sailer, Francis Sailer and Al Sailer. The teacher is Katie Bolte. Only Francis Sailer is still living, out of the group. The school building was constructed by Conover Brick with brick from their yard.

--Photo courtesy Francis Sailer

Additional old-time photos are requested. Please send to Turn Back the Clock, News-Review, with date and details of the picture scene. Pictures will be returned.

Tamarack School



Turn Back the Clock

[To the year 1940]



The eighth grade girls from the Conover Grade School pose for a picture in December, 1940, with the old school building in the background. They are, left to right, Jean Jefferson, Marion Osterberg, Betty Ellen Hedeem, Eleanor Soquist, Jean Osterberg, Shirley Dussault, and the teacher, Robert Gaffney.

--Photo courtesy of Tom Korth of Park Falls, formerly of Eagle River

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1913



Conover Recreation Assoc.



Englebrecht Saw Mill

Contributed by Janice (Carlson) Day





- On the next slide, please note the narrow gauge railroad tracks within the mill yard. A large network of these rails were in the area to haul logs to these mills including the Star Lake mill. The Town of Rummels that is pictured in future slides, brought the narrow gauge tracks from the CNW rail head between Monico and Stateline to the mills to the west of Conover and beyond. Very little characteristics of this part of history remains - - - except ----



This R.R. spike was picked up in the tire of Jim Hedberg (Mail Carrier) as he was traveling on Rummels Road this past summer.



It is now known, that there was a narrow gauge railroad track that ran west from the Monico – Watersmeet CNW rails and this was directly on Rummels Road – hence, the very old R.R. Spike in the pictured tire. According to Steiner, there were networks of railroad spurs and routes throughout the timbered areas of the Northwoods.

- Thanks to the wealth of knowledge of Les Steiner, I now have another chapter in the town's history revealed. Many of the facts about Conover may never have been told if it were not for Mr. Bill Steiner who shared his vast knowledge of the past with his children and also passed them along to all he met.

The Hedeem Family

Had first telephone in Conover
Farm on Highway 45 South of Torch Lake Road



Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church

Contributed by Jan Berghult



Free Church when it was located
on the N.E. corner of Church & Hwy 45



Spillway of the Tamarack Flowage



Arthur Nortwen

Postmaster 1932 – 1966



Postmaster Art Nortwen and Wife Elsie





Carl Johnson, Harry Hedberg,
Charles Hedberg.
Sitting, Art Nortvein
(The boys on a trip to Chicago)

Joe Cizek, Jackie Klemp, Kathy Winder, Don Tienhaara, Jean Rosner, Michael Maki and Linda Radtke

Contributed by Lorryne Maki



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SCHOOL
GRADE 1 2 3 & 4
APRIL 1966
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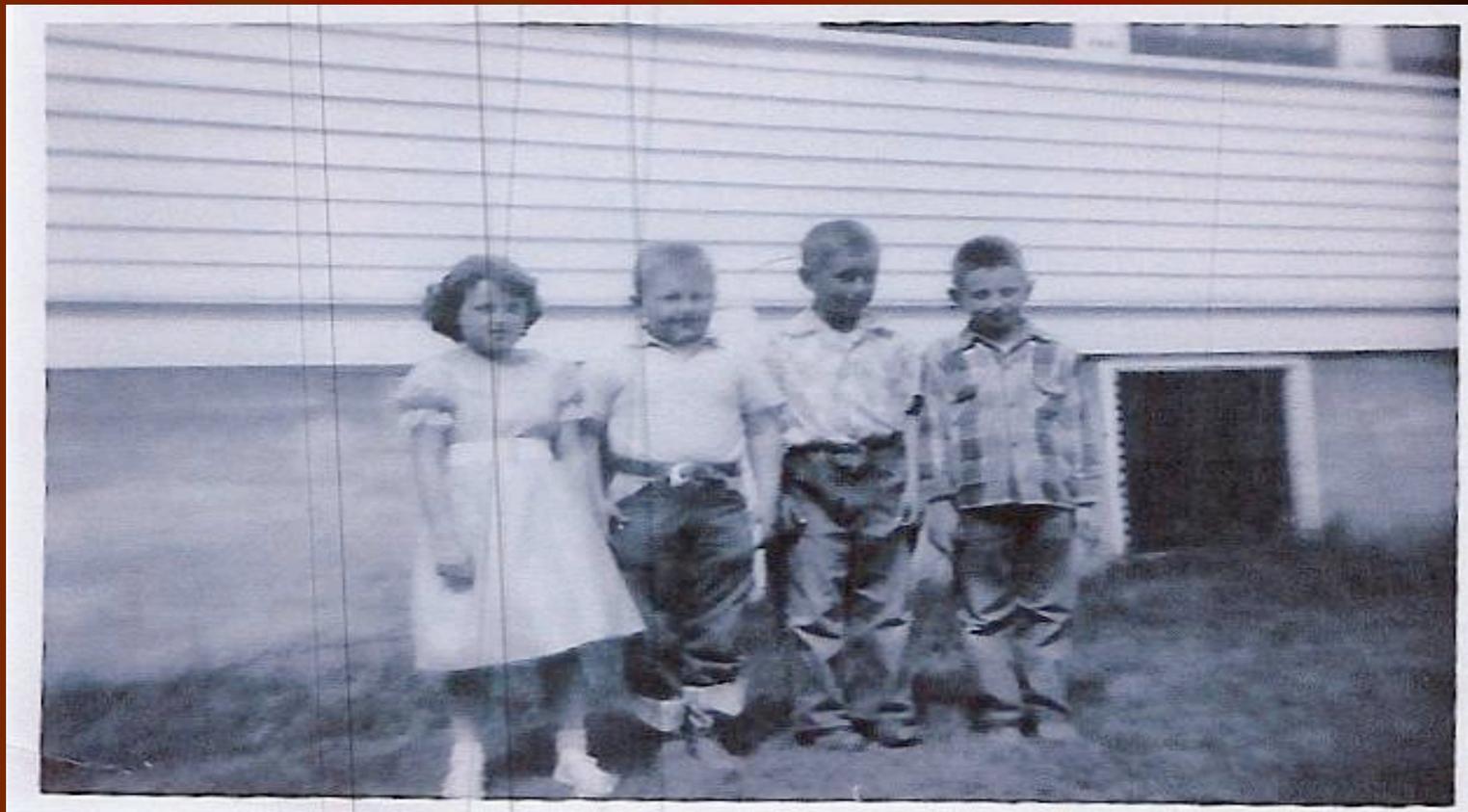
Sharon Olson, Pat Bowman, Leonard Warner
Sharon Hedberg and Lois Johnson



F to B – Don Tienhaara, Linda Radtke, Mike Maki,
Barb Alexander, Joe Czick and Cathy Winder



Joe Mary Hendrickson, Jack Reed, Jim Hendrickson
and Ron Olson





Jim Hedberg, Danny Palvie? Nila Martinson
Jerry Hedberg and Nick Dussault



Rob Rammels, Nancy Martinson, Craig Winder, Dave Renberg, Diane Christensen, Judy Osterberg, Rita Jefferson, Roger Jensen & Larry Radtke



Same Class in couple of years!

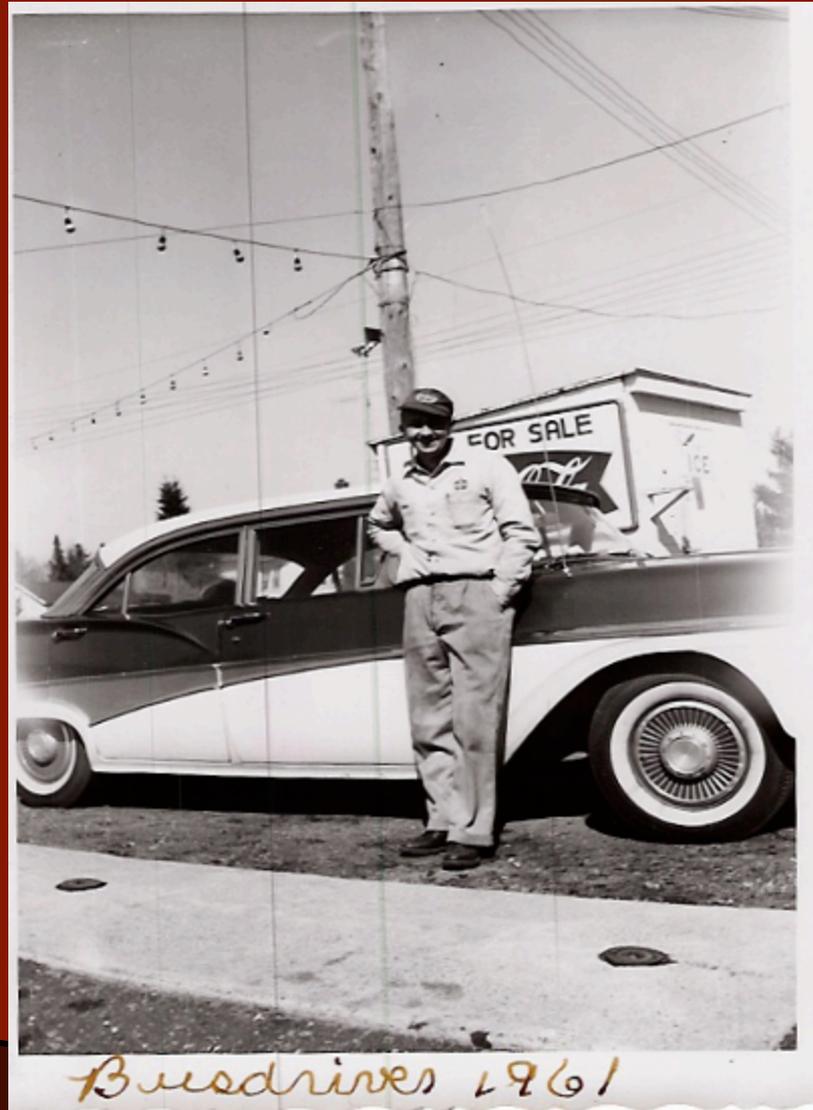


Bus Driver – Alfred Johnson





Bus Driver – Gilbert Radtke



Busedrives 1961

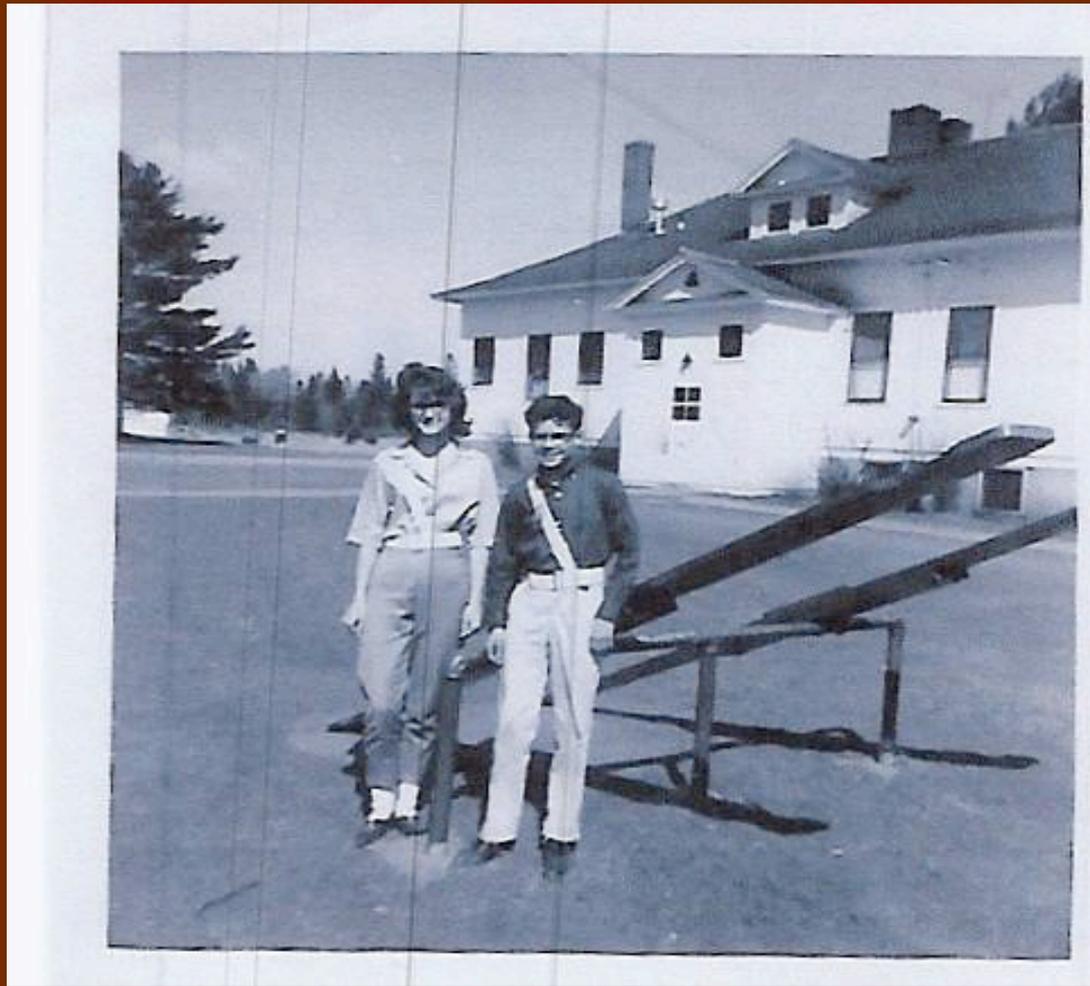
Carolyn Maki, Ida Cizek, Bob Radtke, Janice Lillund
Bonnie Osterberg and Edward Martinson



Perry Renberg & Alan Staples



Barb Rosner & Jim Booth



Jerry & Jim Hedberg Nick Dussault & Nila Martinson



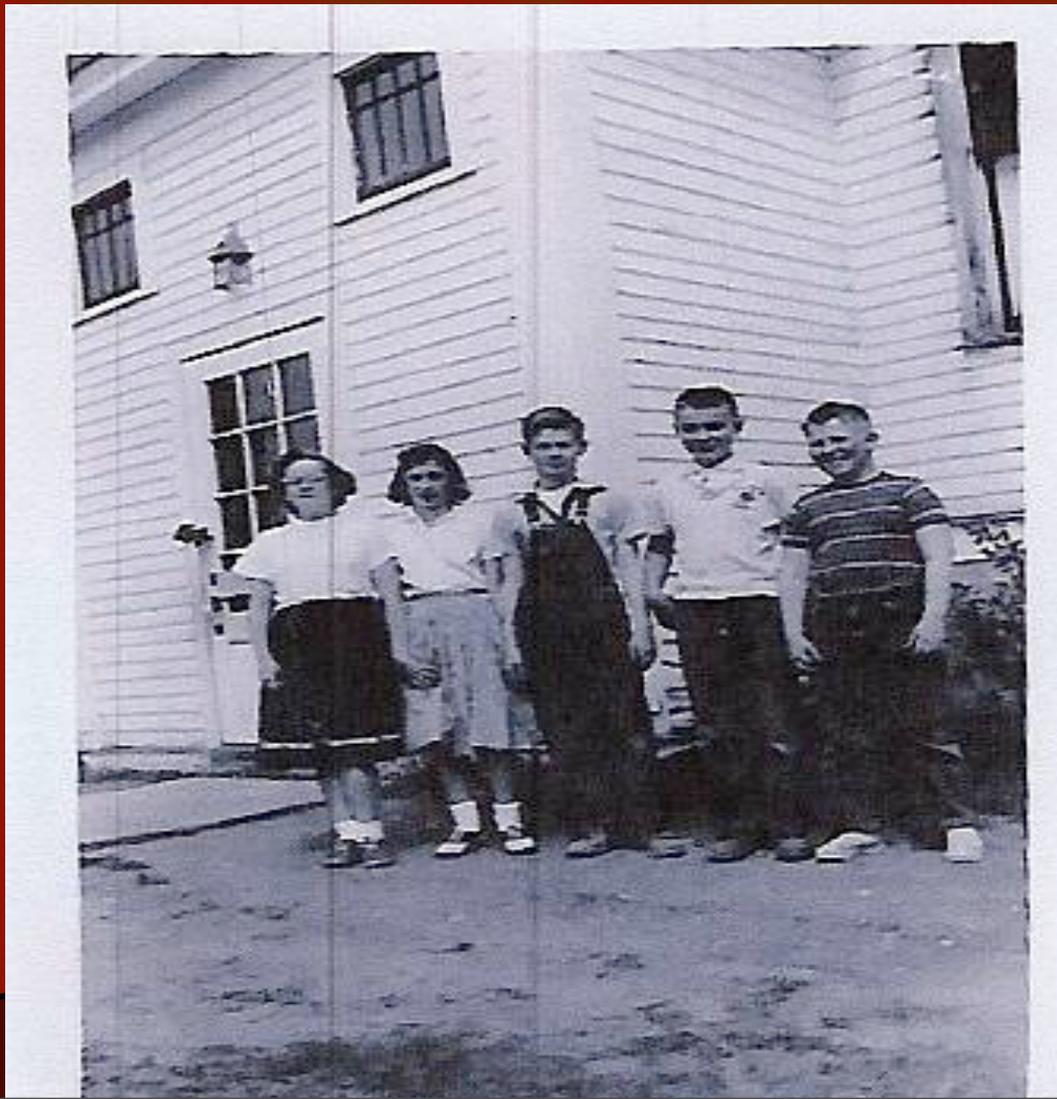
Calvin McFaul, Jim Hendrickson, Gordy Johnson & Kathy Johnson



A Graduating Class of 3



Barbara Osterberg, Judy Johnson, Tom Turnquist,
Keith Byington and Roger Pearson



Thelma Van Wie and Ramona Oldenberg





View from Pioneer Creek to the Ranger Station & Pripps Home and



Town Hall w/Coal Storage before Office Addition

Contributed by Lorraine Maki



Conover School

Contributed by the Nortwen-Chambers Family



Conover School

Grades 1 – 8



Was expanded at some point noting
the addition to both ends.



White Birch Grove Farm

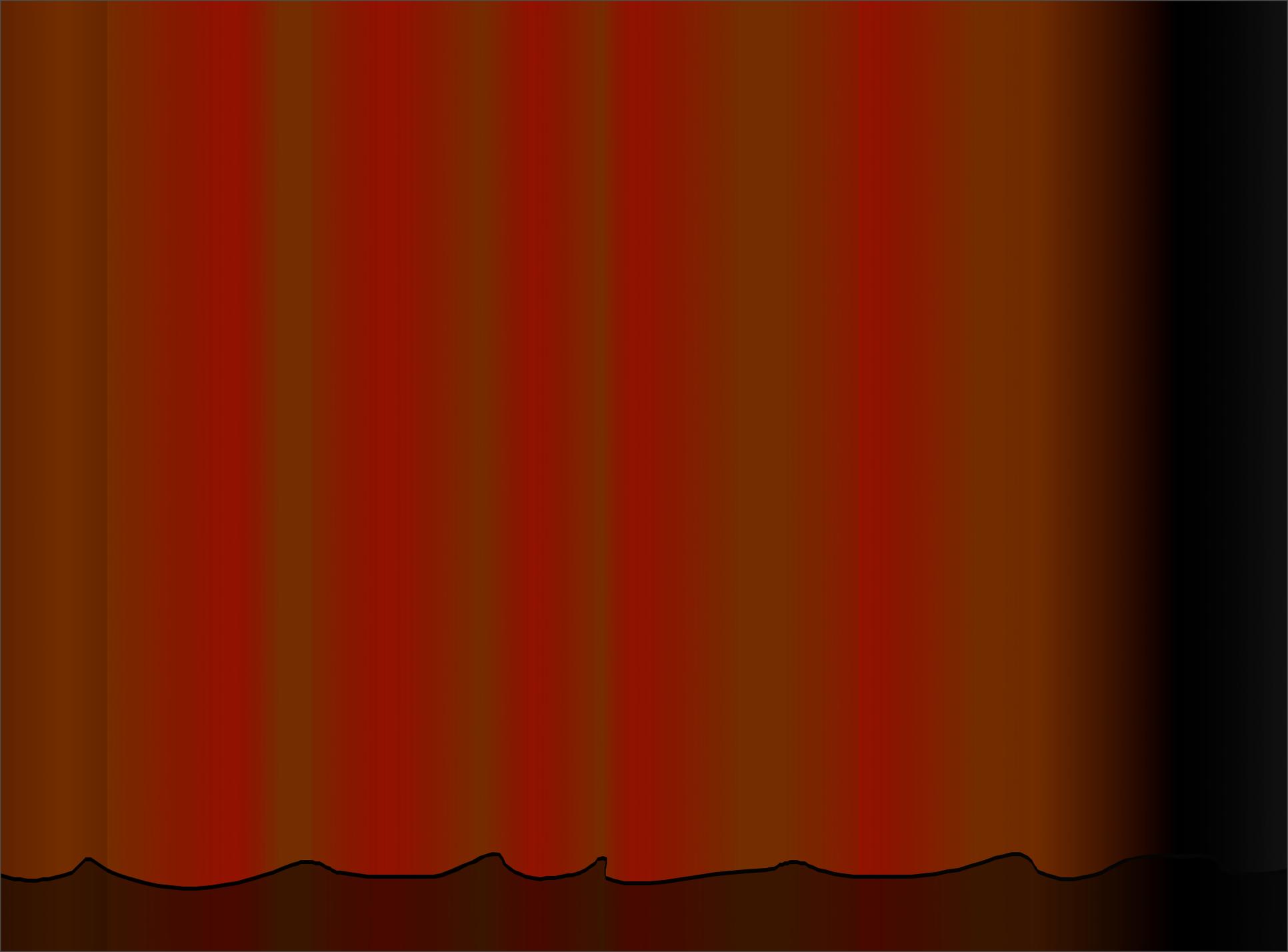
Photos Contributed by Charlotte Federspiel (first curve on Church Road)



White Birch Grove Farm is now owned by Karl Jennrich & Mary



Peter Johnson named his 80 acre farm "White Birch Grove Farm." He was born in Sweden on June 13, 1853 and entered the United States in 1884. He worked on the railroad in Aurora IL and later in the mines of the Upper Penn. Of Michigan as many others did.



Pete Johnson & Wife





The Lillund Farm

Contributed by Mary Lillund – Jan Schelper







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Reed School

Was located at Old 26 and Church Rd



Reed School house

Tore Lindberg & Art Nortwen



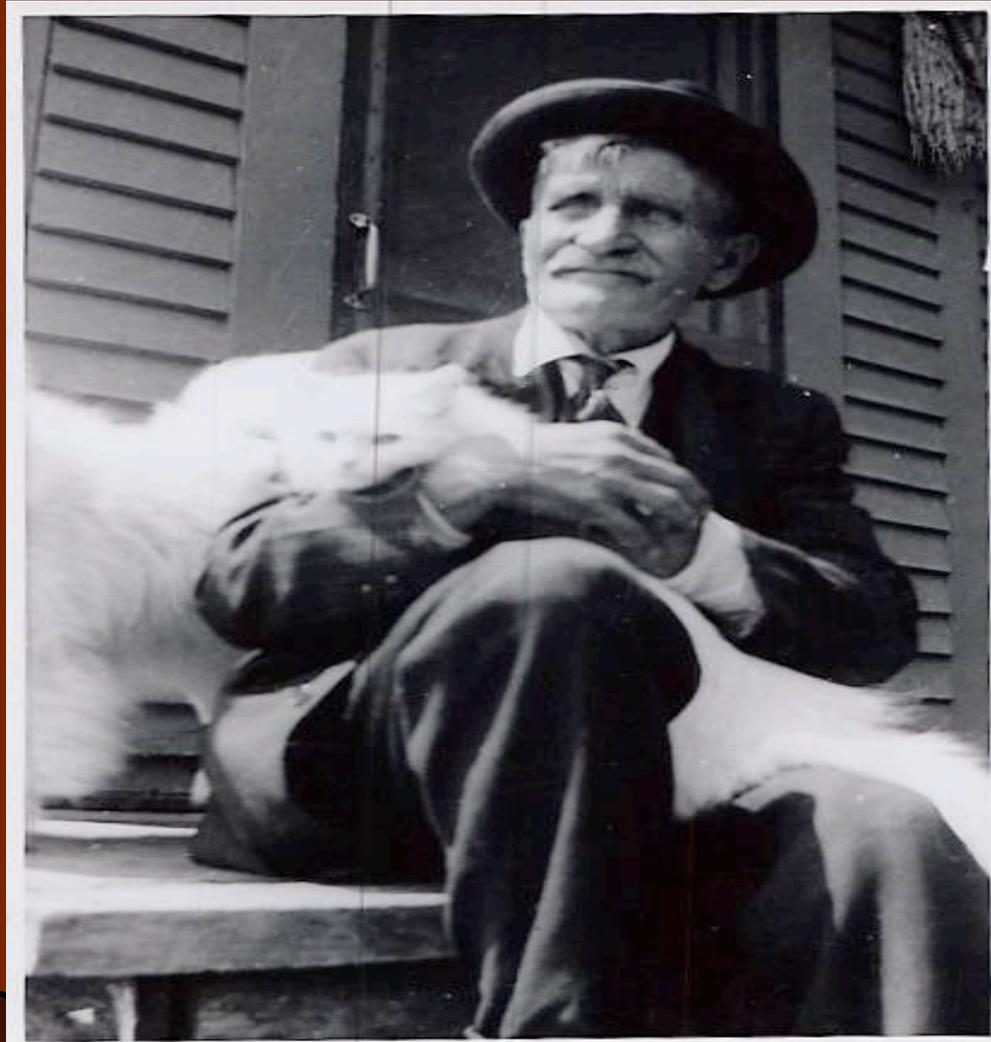
Drifter ?, Martin Pearson, Moses Vermette & Ed Olson



Walfred Johnson & Harry Hedberg



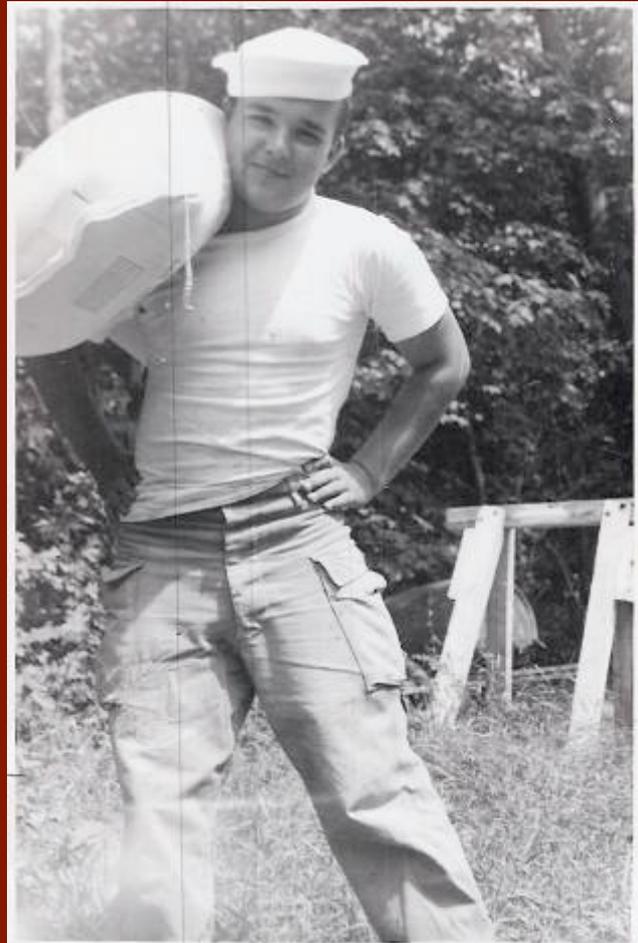
Erik Johnson – had 80 acre farm on South Twin
in area East of Silver Birch Road



Son of Erik Johnson – Alfred and family, Carol, Lydia and Gordon – Son Larry on next slide.



Larry Johnson working at Deckert's Chicken Farm



- Regenfuss' Resort
- Later known as Twin Haven and under ownership of various operators – burned and was rebuilt in the 1980's.



The following is a Post Card
Collection of Conover

Contributed by
Gerd Klausmeyer

Records indicate that 73 acres was deeded to Seth Conover on April 24, 1891. This region was that which later is referred to as "Lakota Resort"

LAKOTA RESORT

At North Twin Boat Landing



Boat house pushed on shore by the ice was later moved to town by the Adams Family and today is next to home on Adams Road as a garage!



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LAKOTA
W. ADAMS PROPRIETOR
PHOTO BY PARRITT

Lakota Resort

Path through woods lead to Huettenbar next door
which was a dance hall



Boat Slip at Lakota Resort when Adams owned it



Adams Motel

Remodeled but much the same Today



ADAMS MOTEL

CONOVER, WIS. 27

Adams Log Cabin

Also owned General Merchandise Store Next Door
which is now the Restaurant in Conover

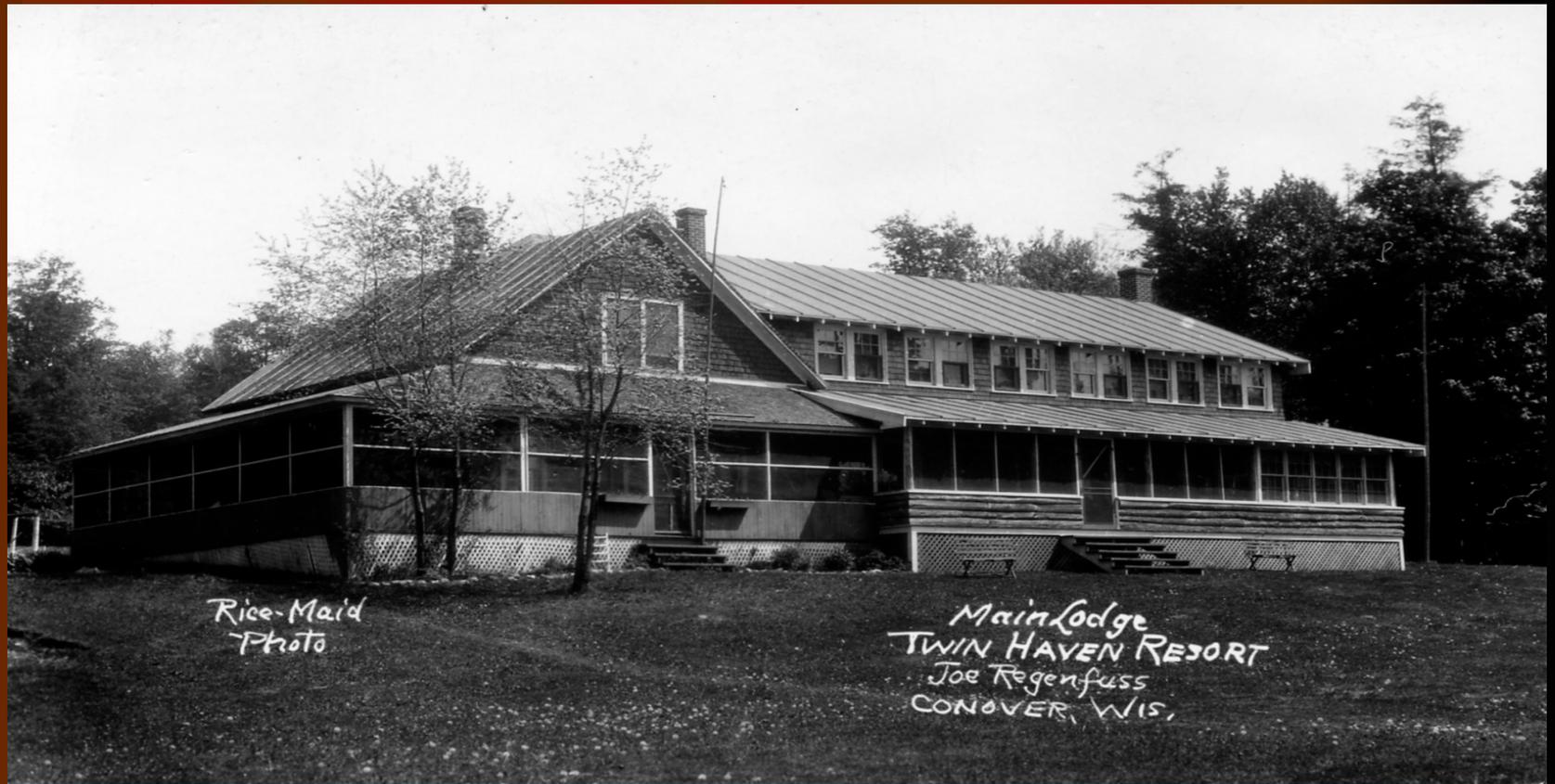


Hotel Conover

Owned by Dobbs – Caretaker was Mr. S. Primley
Still here today as Rental Units



Twin Haven



*Rice-Maid
Photo*

*Main Lodge
TWIN HAVEN RESORT
Joe Regenfuss
CONOVER, WIS.*

Regenfus's Twin Haven



TWIN HAVEN RESORT
CONOVER, WIS.
Photo by Parfitt

Heth's Resort known as Silver Birch



Inside Heth's Resort



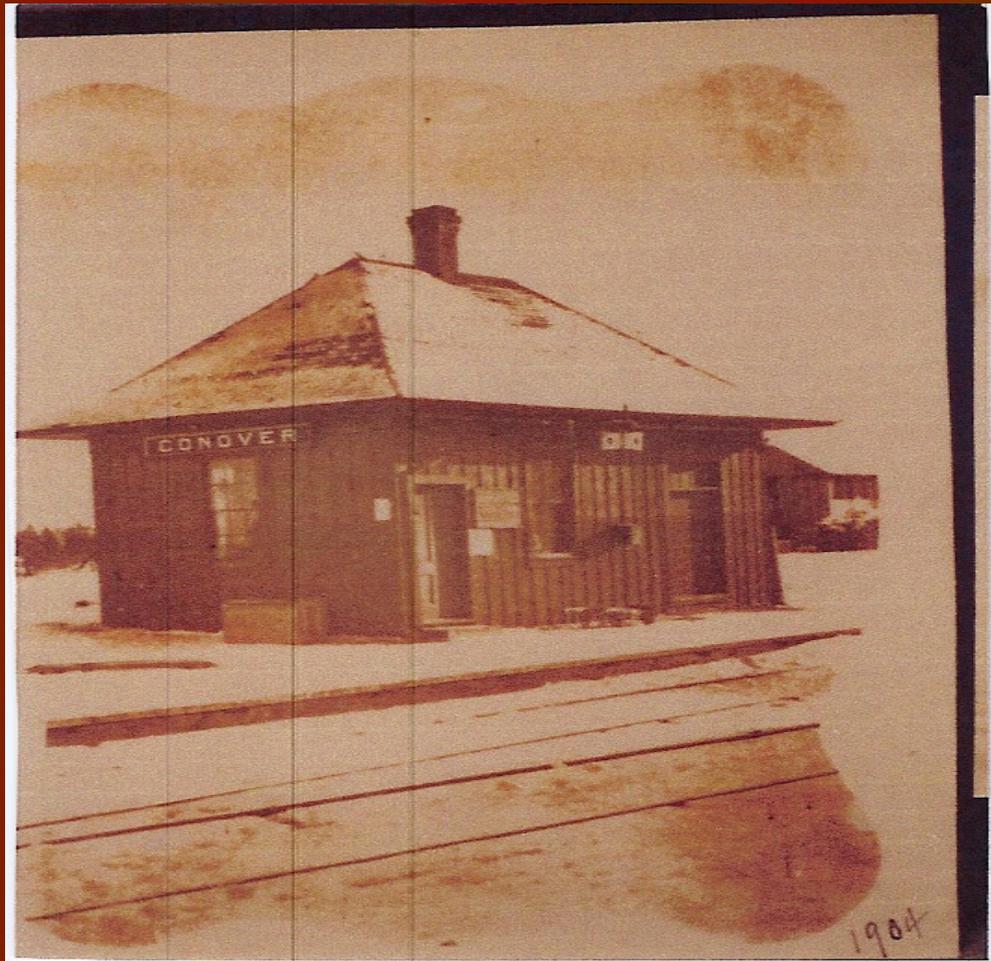
Charles Schelly – Dam Tender on Twin Creek





Conover Station in 1904

Contributed by Tom Lamon





3rd - 1st - 2nd - 3rd - 4th - 5th

This is a little town in 1911 called Rummels – building on right “Meals-Hours – Soft Drinks – Cigars” – created by the CNW train stop



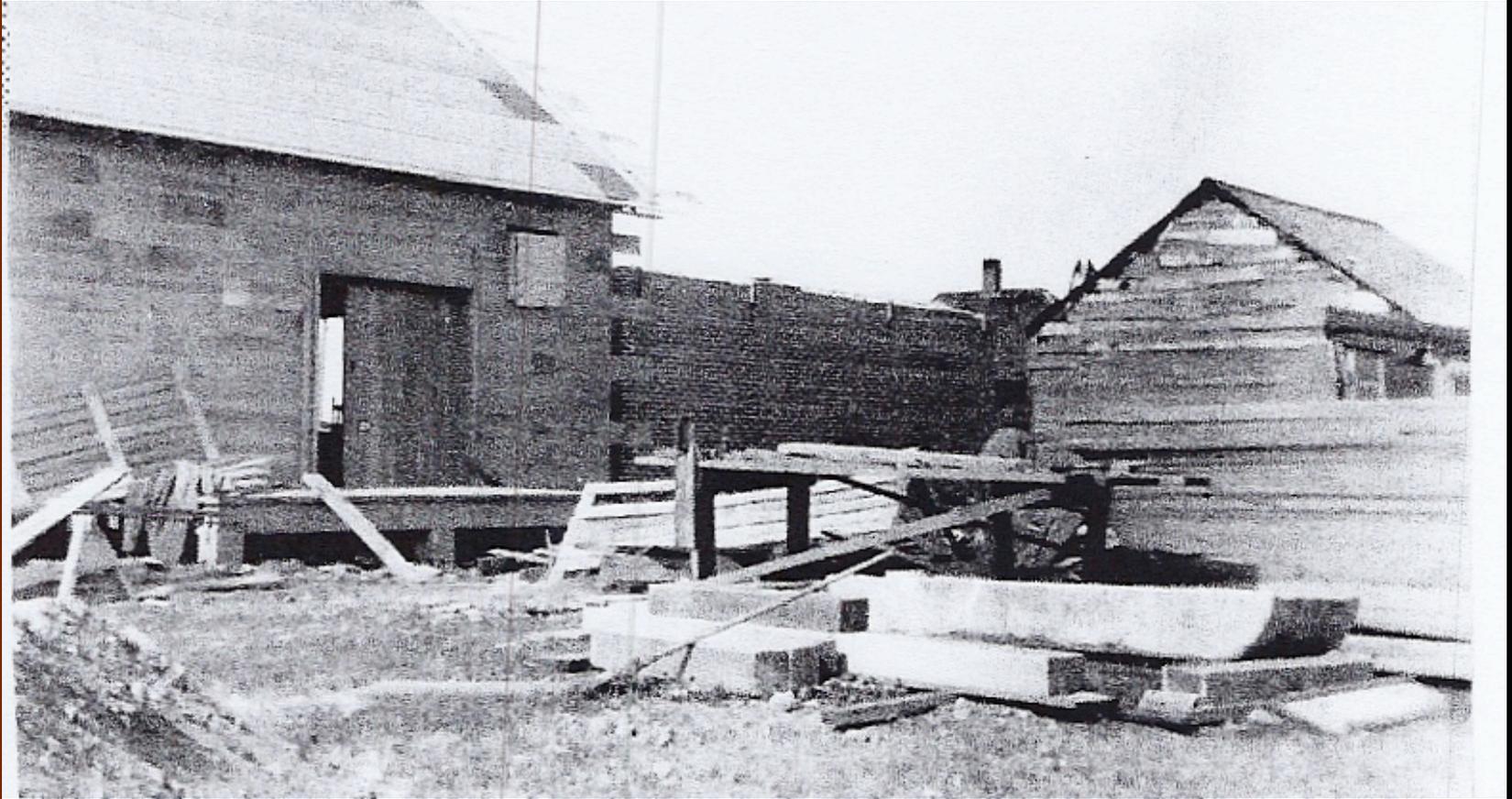
Early Conover



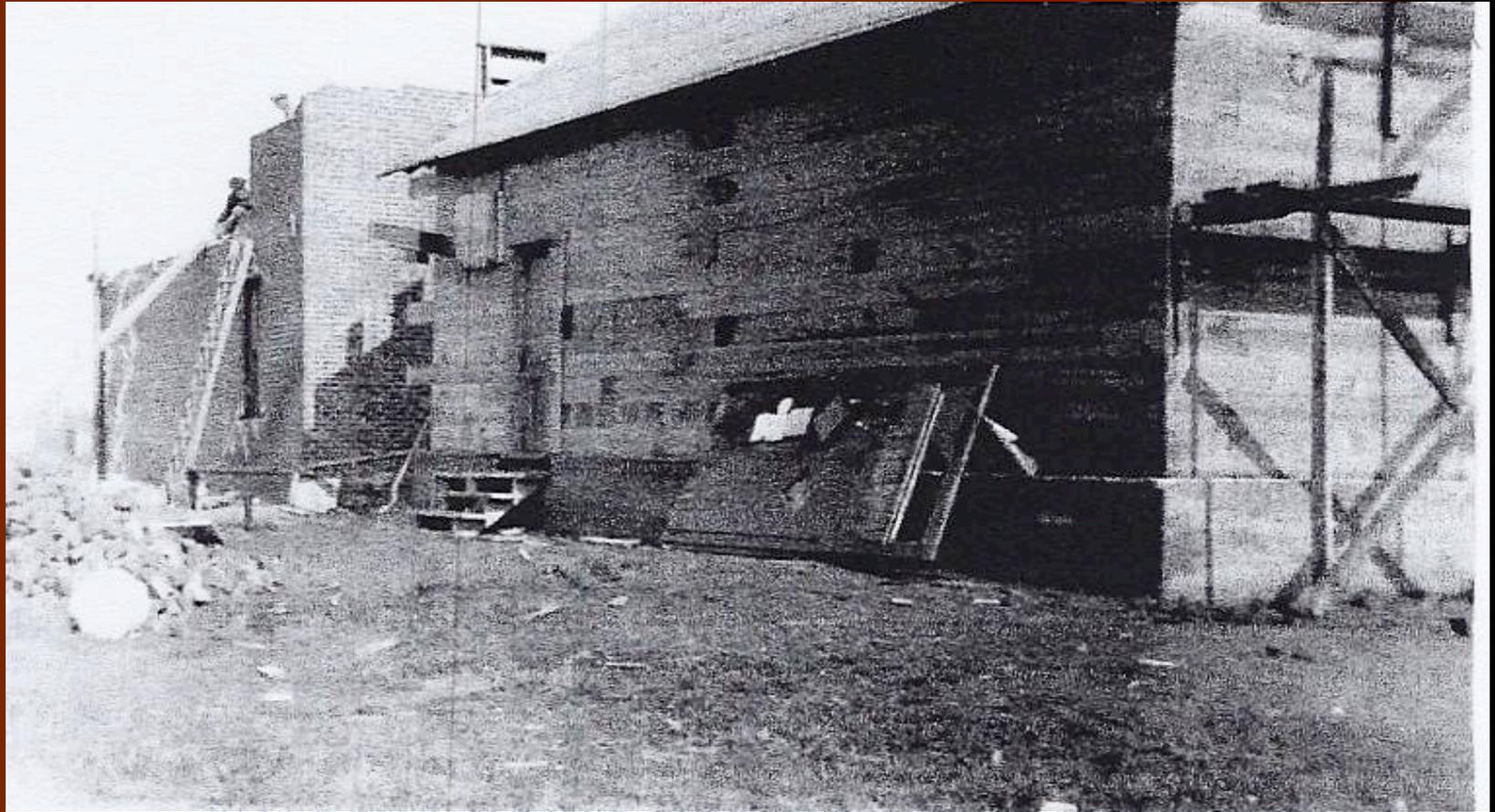
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Rice-Maid Photo

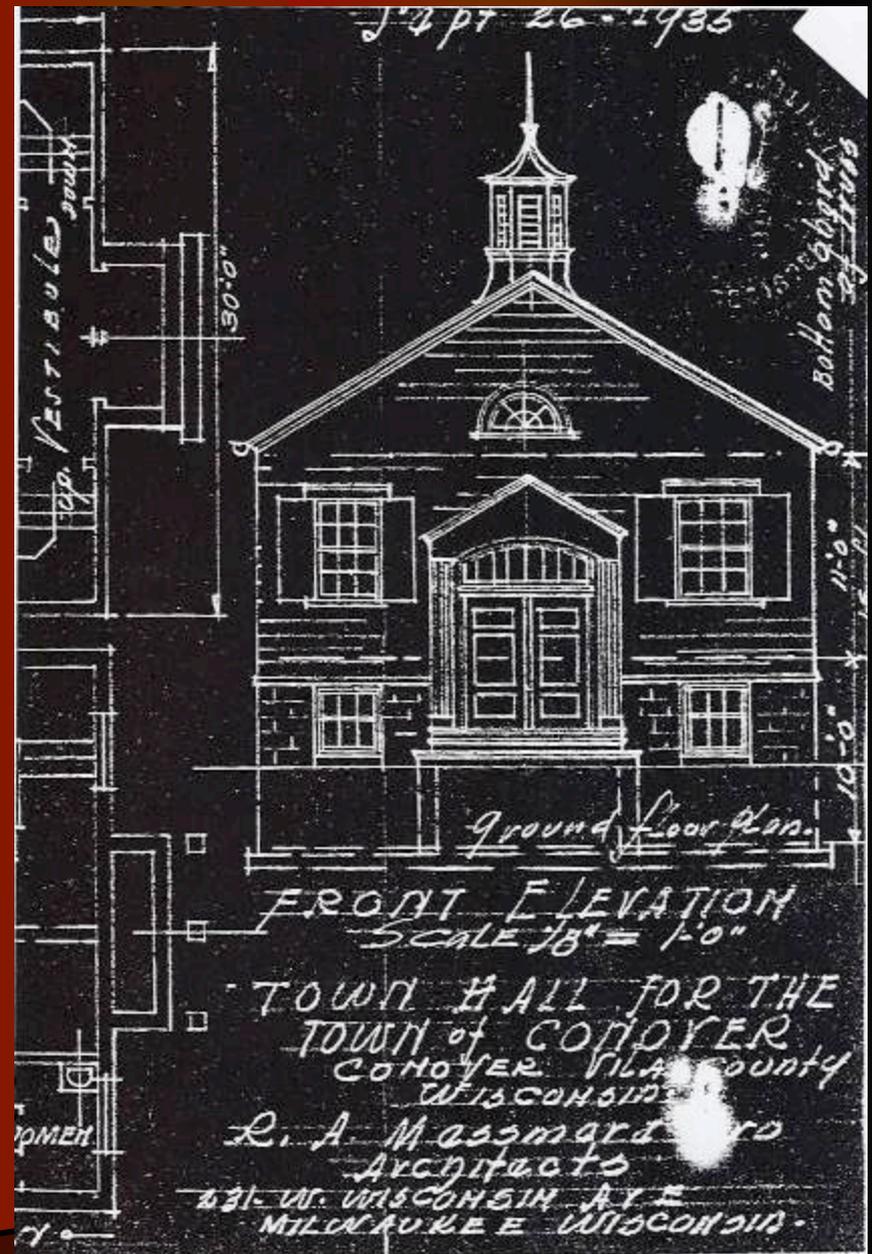
Conover Brick Yard



Known as the Eagle River Brick Comapny



- The Original Print of the design for the first Town Hall – later built but modified in its appearance.
- Built in 1936
- Now Joe's Pool Hall



Art Nortwen, Emil Johnson, August Ericson & Emil Martinson



Cows cooling off at Lakota Resort

contributed by Sue Huels



Departing Stage to RR Station



Seth called the location the Twin Lakes Hunting Club. When Harvey Goodall took ownership, it become the popular Lakota Resort. Construction completed in 1893 but was wiped out by a fire in Sept. of 1893 and the resort was sold in 1895 to Dan Sargeant who rebuilt. It was sold in 1903 to William Adams who then owned some 248 acres and a half mile of shoreline.

Chet Dussault

The Schubring's on each side!



Dussault's Bar

Steve & Marge's – Cocktail Corner – Tipplers Tavern



Chet 1942



Contributed by Marie Clure (Ericson)



Schoolhouse Steps



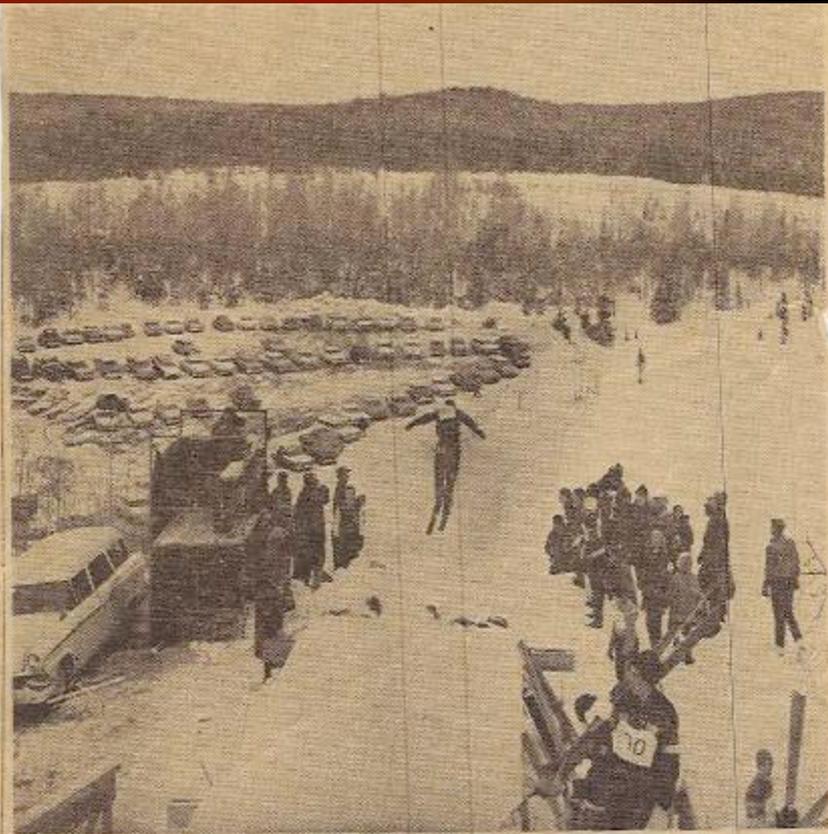
John Ericson Family

Contributed by Marie Clure



Bjorn Le Ski Jump

Contributed by Perry Renberg



Wayne Wilson, Iron Mountain, takes to the air at the Bjorn-Le ski club jumping meet held last Sunday at the club's hill between Eagle River and Conover. Over 70 boys and girls from Wisconsin and upper Michigan

were entered in the Central U.S. Ski Association regional meet. Perry Renberg, Conover, won the Class I division with jumps of 83 and 84 feet.

NEWS-REVIEW Photo

Would you believe – Sundown Tavern? Contributed by Joe Wallace



Marilyn Mursett, Earl Hedberg, Charlotte Fields, Lavonne Brackob, Jack Boyer & Don Mursett (1950)

Photo provided by Jan Pripps



This is Very Old! ! ? ?



Early Bauer's Dam on Buckatabon



De Bruyne's on Stormy Lake

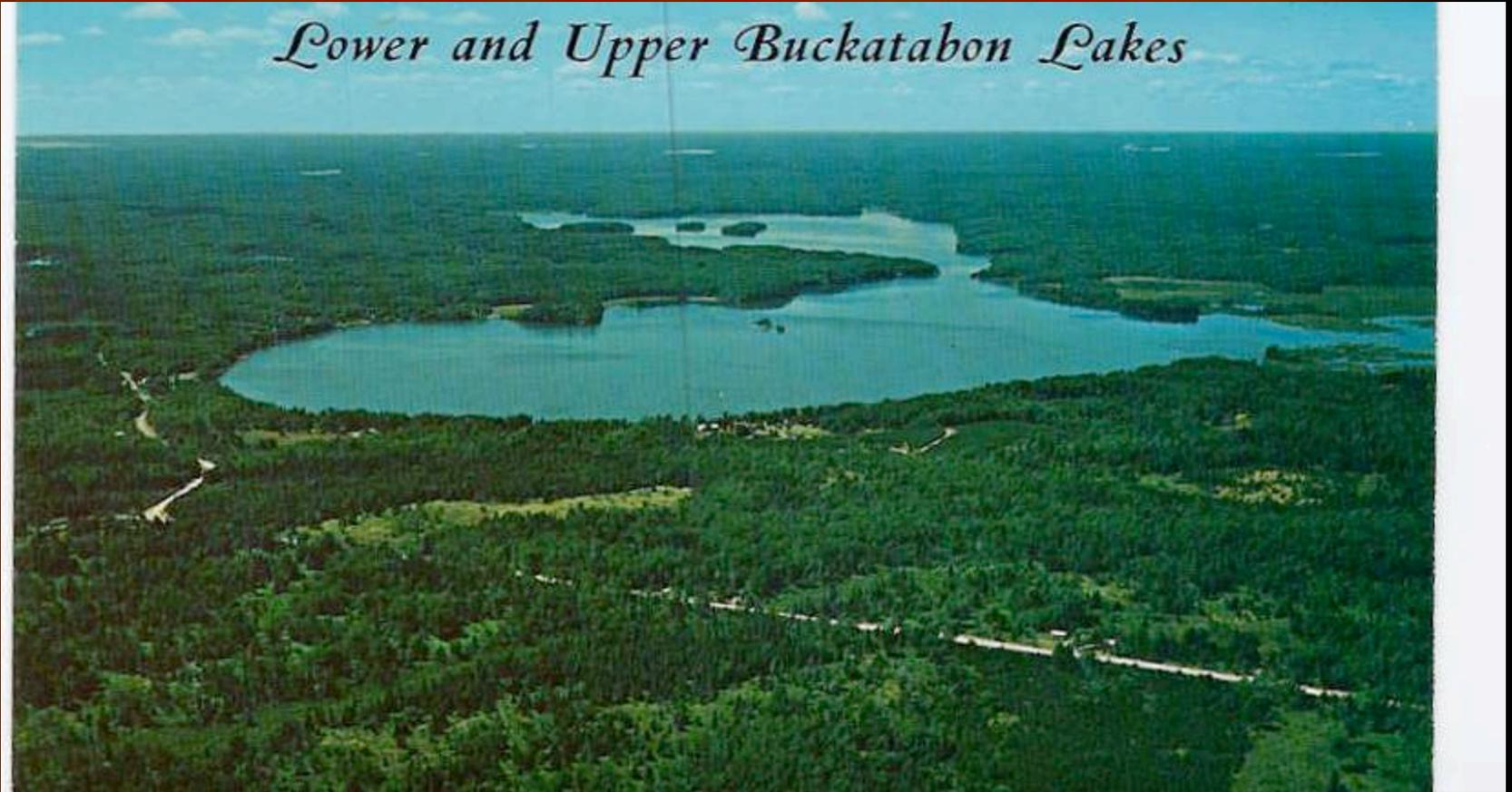


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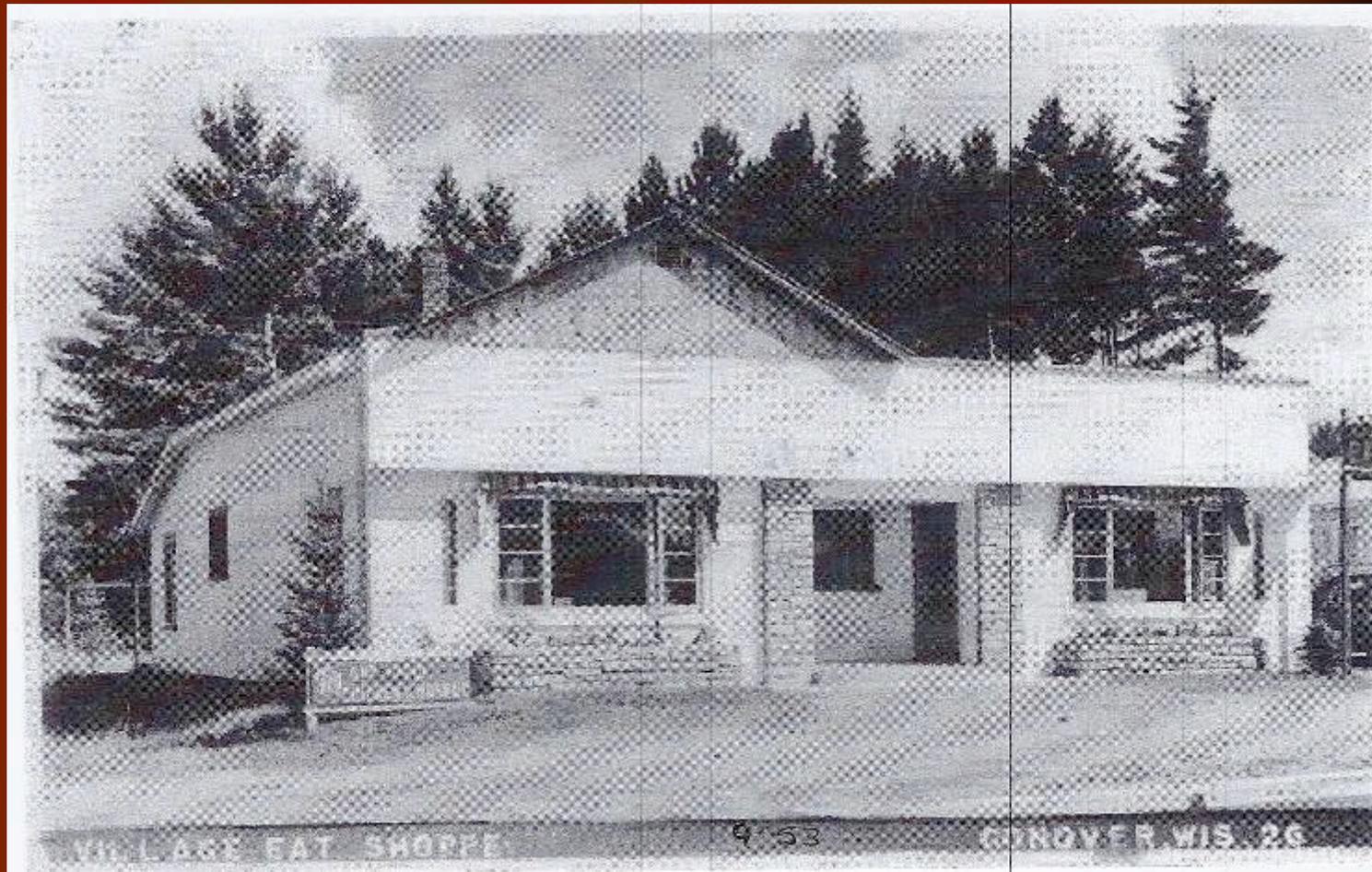
**Remembering these post cards
from Denton's Sport & Gift**



Early Conover School House



Contributed by the Posto Family



1949 Buckatabon Lake – Ray Brackob & Eddie Warfield

Photo provided by Janice Brackob Pripps



Buckatabon Lake on Buckatabon

Country Music Nite Performers

Wes Krumplitsch, Dave Tienhaara, Ed Staffen, Betty Sue Lynn, Ron O'Brien,
Kay Bodoh (Petts), Bucky Burkett, Connie Collins, Marilyn Lewis, Paul



COUNTRY MUSIC GROUP

Dan Jefferson with US Postmaster General 1937



Contributed by Charles Champeny





*The old farm house of August and Maria Staffen
on Monheim Road in Conover, Wisconsin*

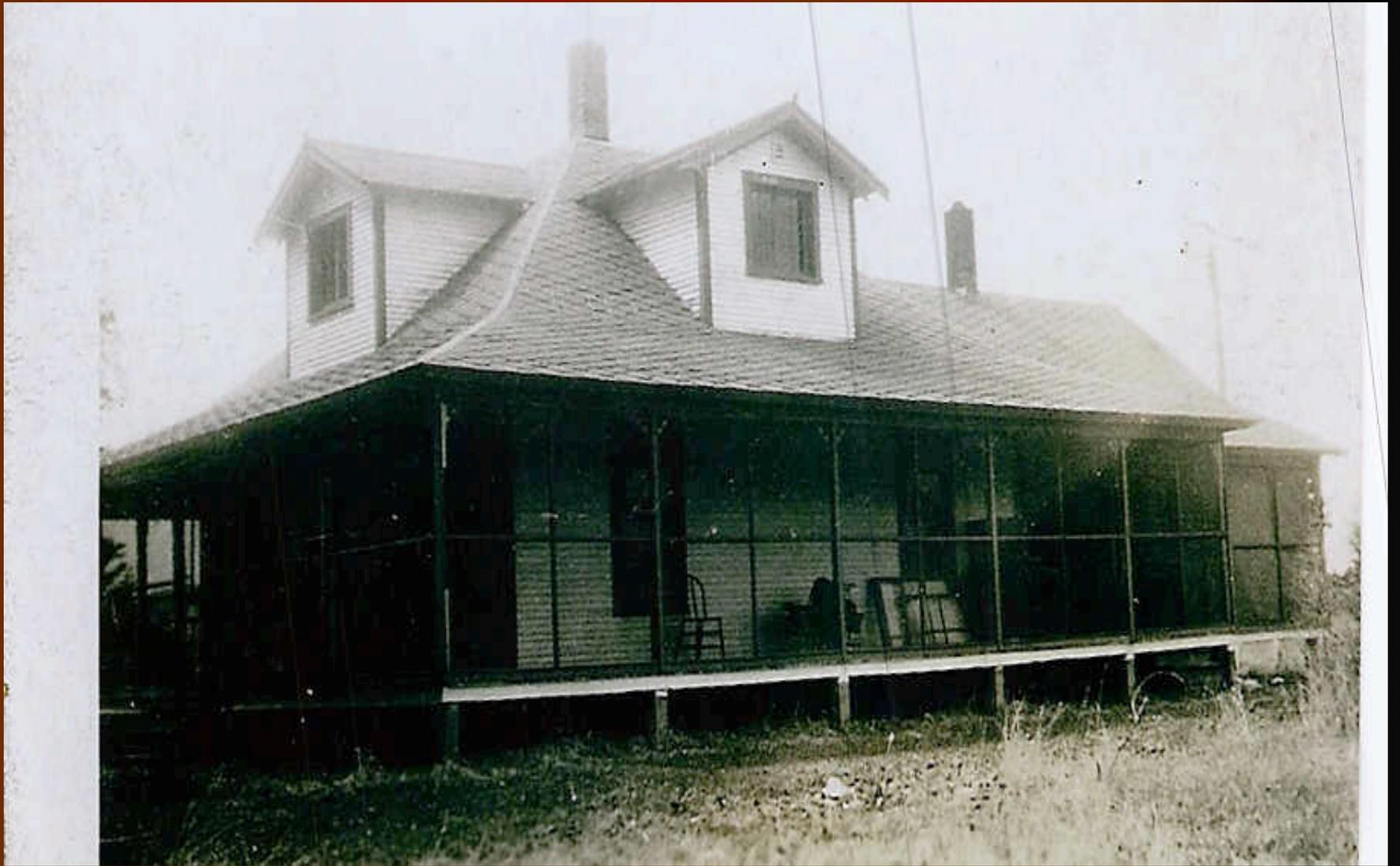
Early Conover Schoolhouse



The Teufert Collection

The following photos were provided to
us by

Rollie Teufert (Stormy Lake)



Farm produced eggs, butter and meat for the resorts on the lakes!





Barn was lost in a fire but rebuilt by Mr. Bennett (Wyandotte Farm)



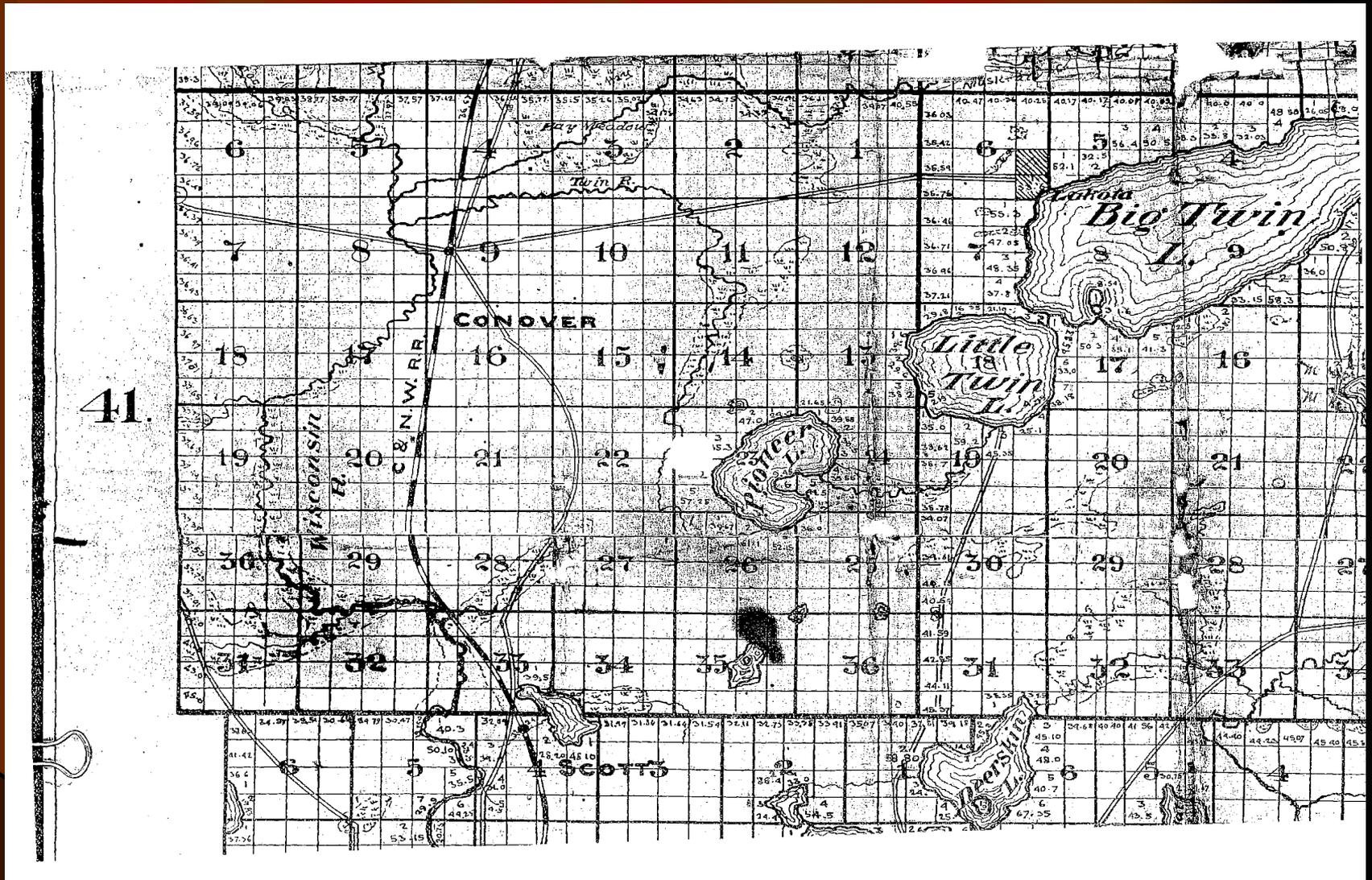
Old Co. K Bridge which crossed
further North of Present K and



Abuttment of that old narrow iron bridge over the Wisconsin



Note that County K goes directly West from Sec 9 into Sec 8 which is the end of Hegemann Rd where remains of the concrete abutment is.



Bridge location is next to where the
Pioneer Creek empties into the



Jean, Carol & Cookie Teufert Walk Bridge on Wisconsin River



Don Osterberg, Ray Johnson and Dallas Nortwen



The Johnson's Margaret and Ray

Contributed by Lorryne Maki



The Martinson Family Collection

The following photos were
provided by Mrs. Martinson and
her family for this presentation!

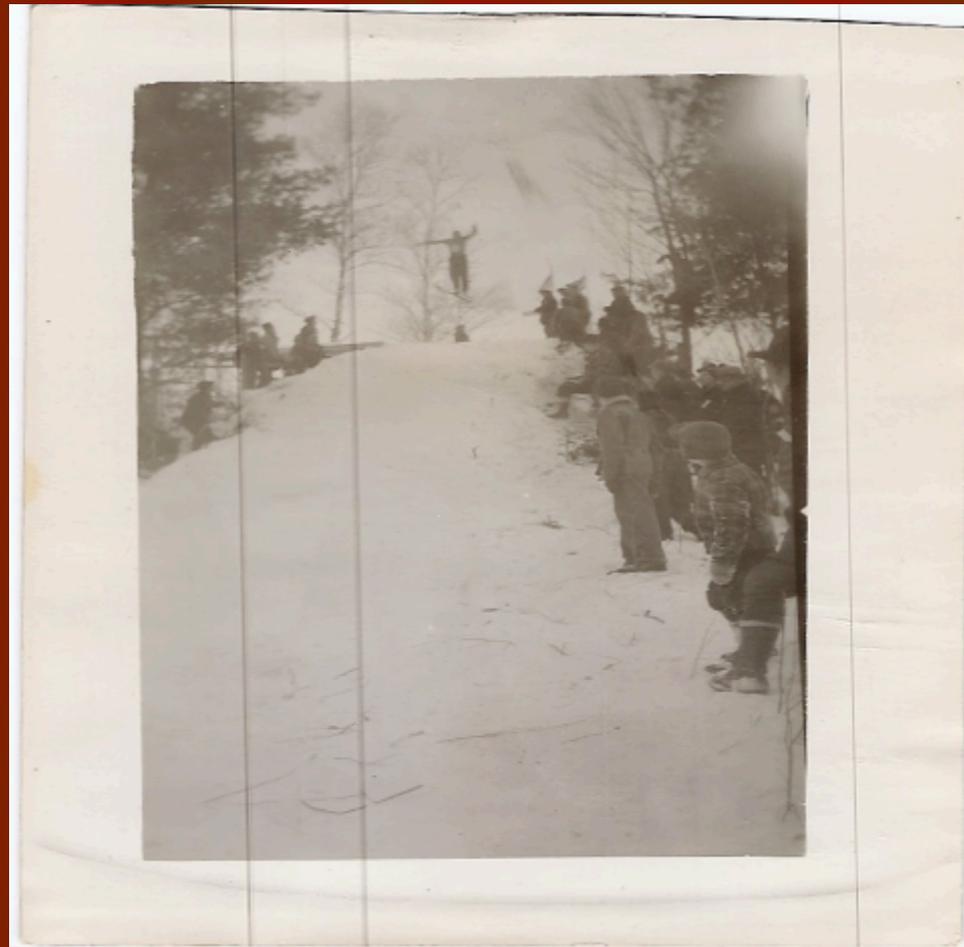
Runeberg Lodge in the Old Town Hall Basement



Mr. Primley – Margaret Johnson's father – Janitor at the School



Older of the Ski Hills This one on Chicago Ave



Bjorn Lee



Thelma Van Wie and Mrs. Wilmot 1950's



Al Johnson, Emil & Lialia Martinson and Waldemar Anderson



Emil entertaining on the Conover ball diamond!



Emil-Eric _Esther Martinson



Martinson's Birch Valley Farm Chicago Avenue



Unique Martinson Family Album

Beautifully pictured is the family estate in Wasa in this hand crafted box with metal clasp and hinged



The building of Chicago Avenue



1915 Peter Sanbeck_Wife, Mabel S and Ed Martinson

Sanbeck

1915

Benson

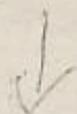


Sanbeck Potato Field across from Benson Woods (Chgo Ave)

1915

Sanbeck
Potato field

Benson
Woods



Conover Town Hall before Office Addition

— Contributed by Lorryne Maki



Sometime in the 1950's at the Conover School



Front of E.R. Courthouse Field trip to New York City





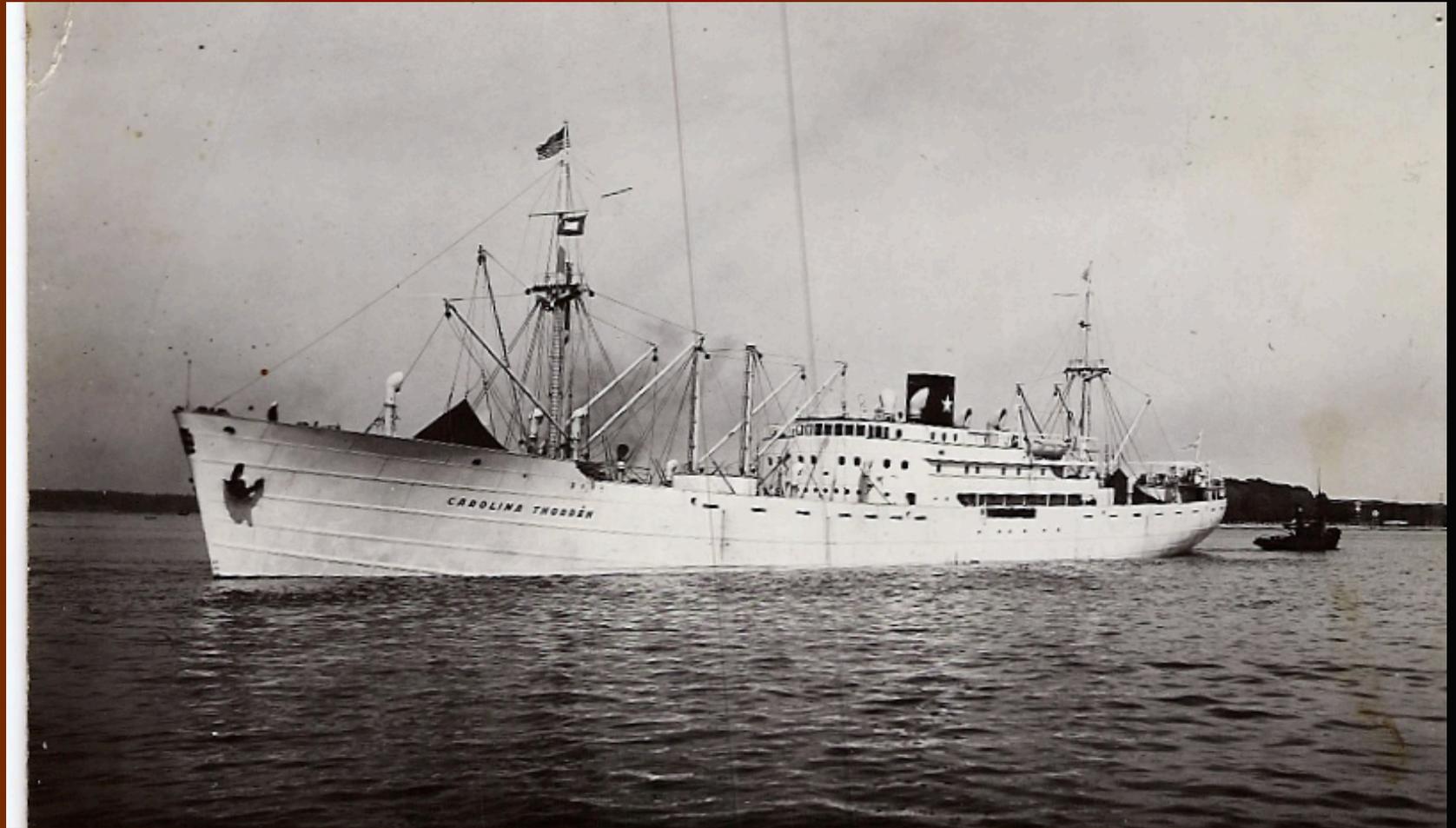


Winter Frolic 2/9/1969

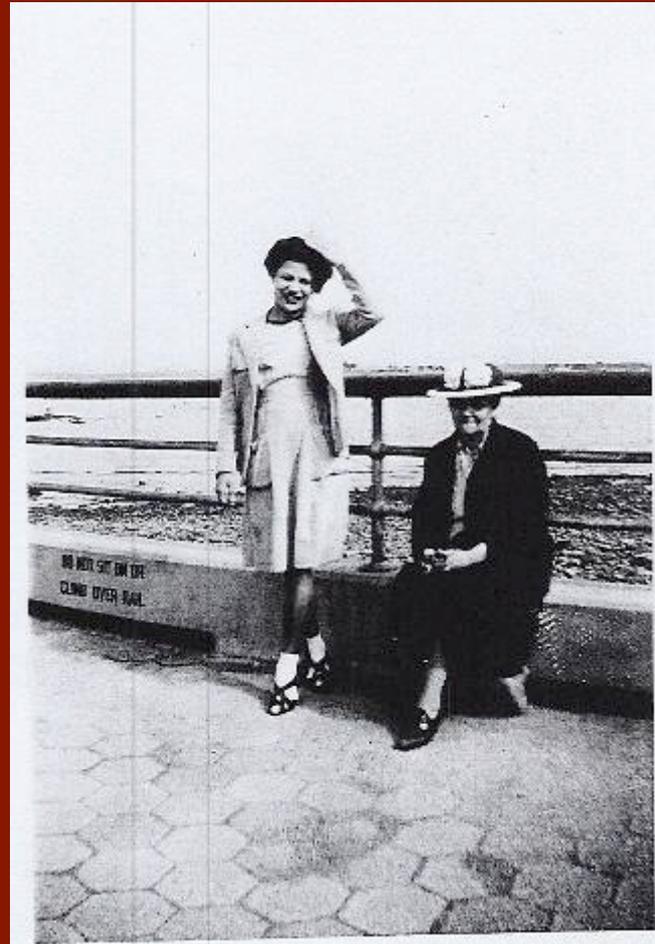


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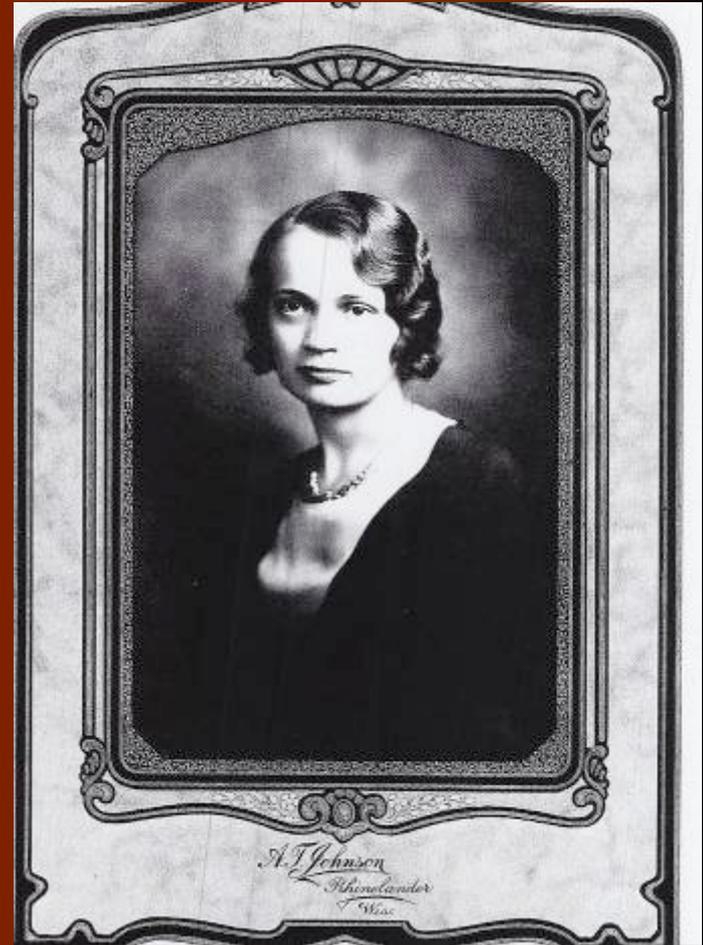
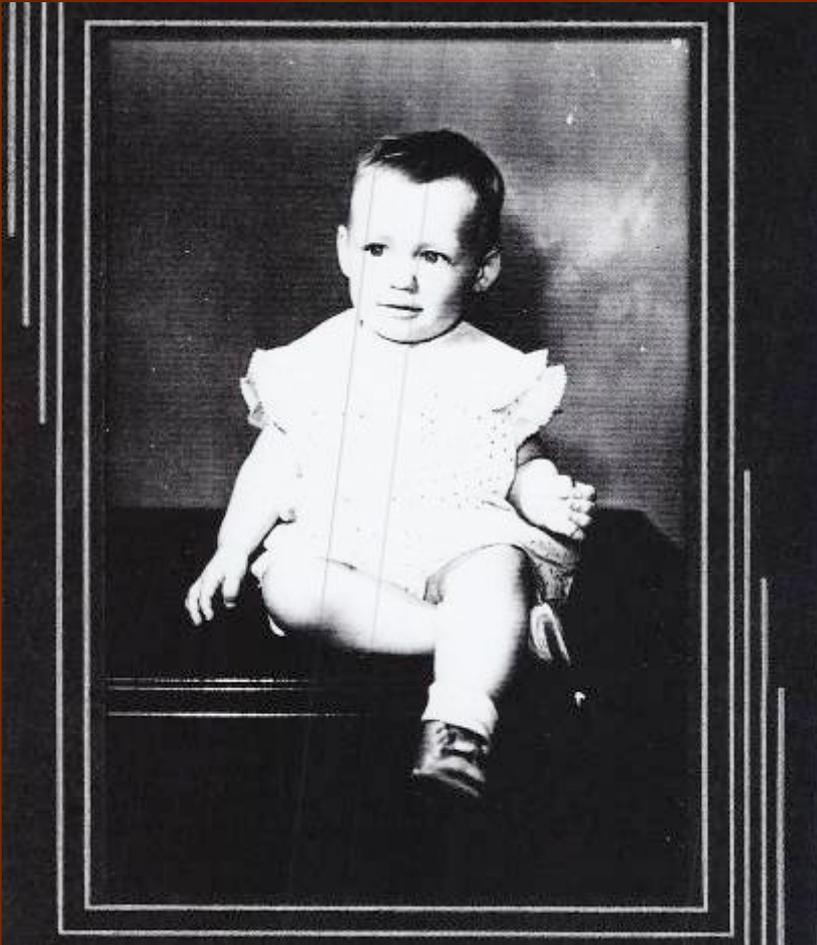
The Ship to America



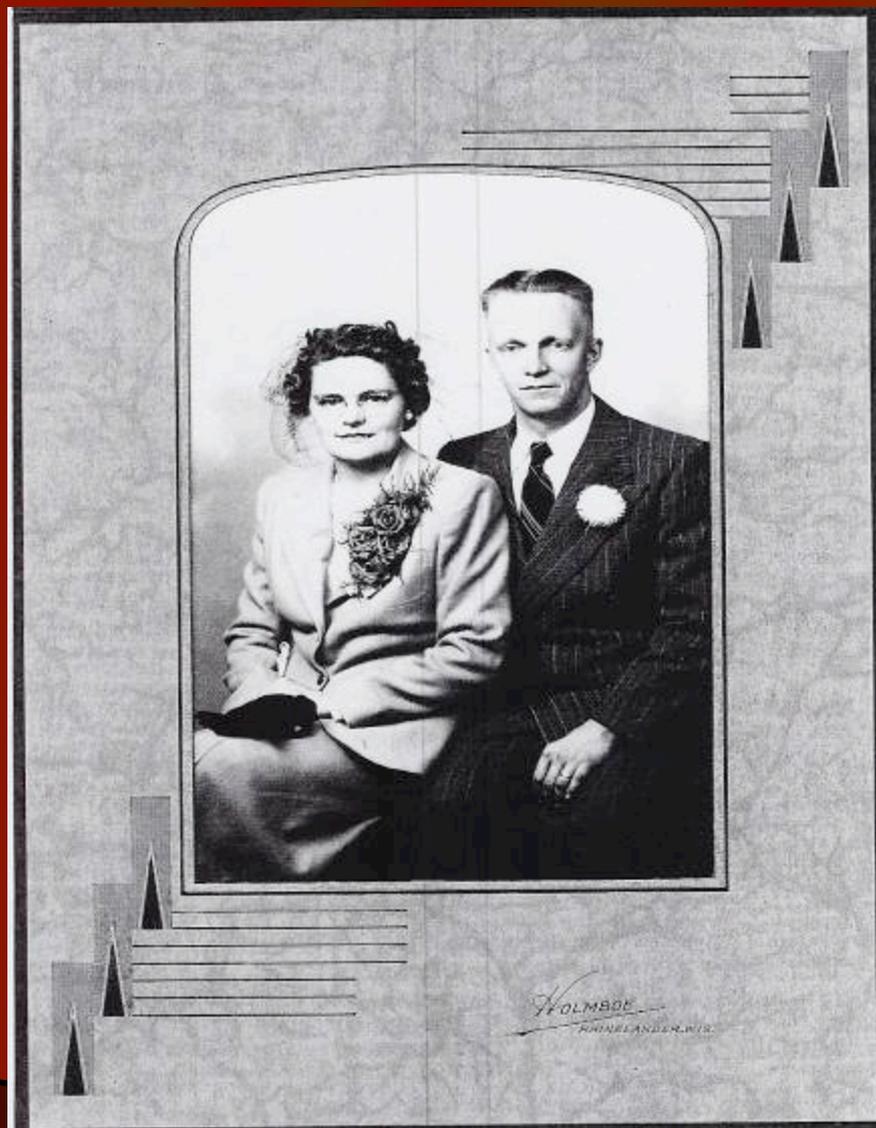
First Soil was Ellis Island for the Martinson Ancestors



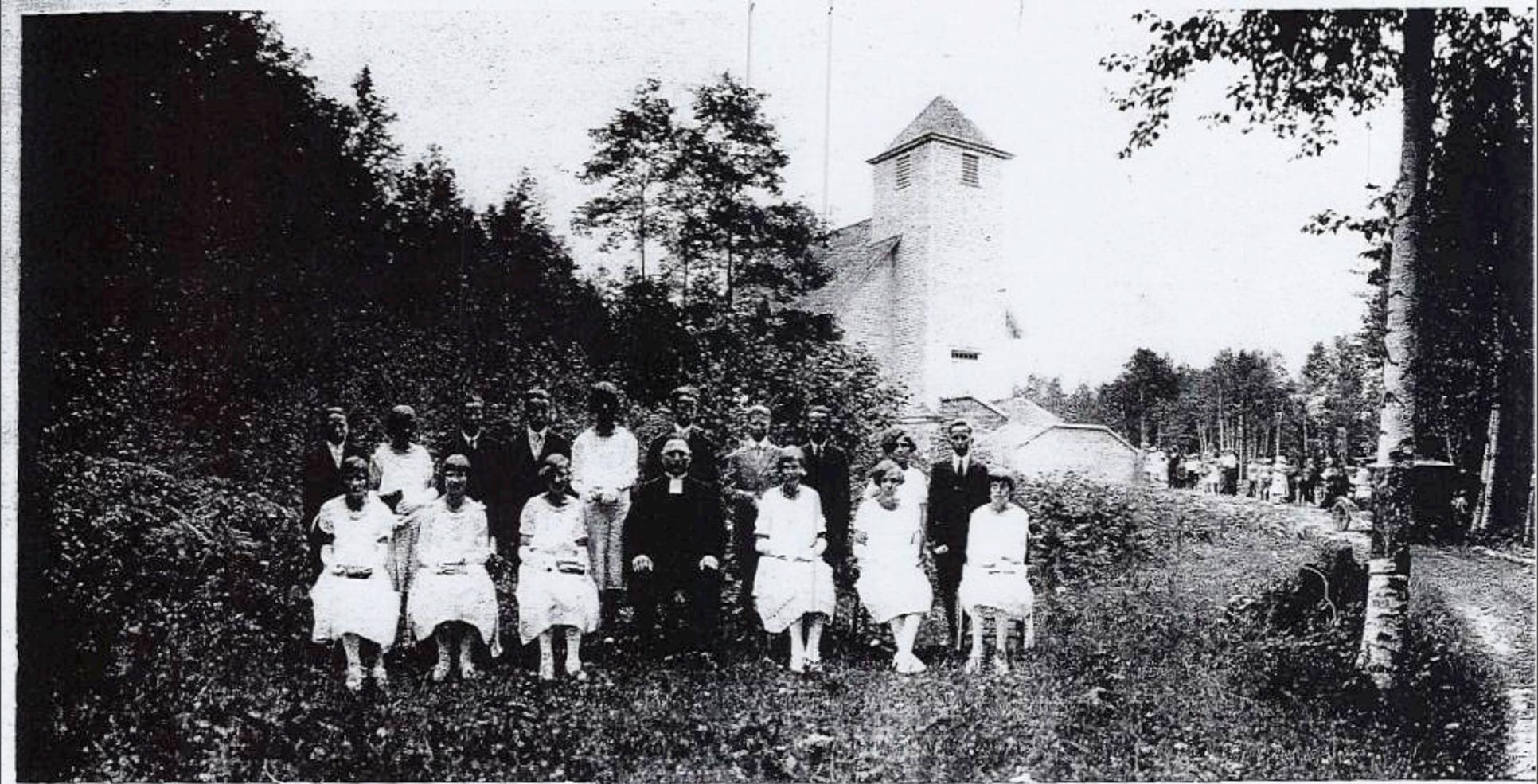
Janet Anderson Yahr & Mother Jenny Martinson Anderson



EDWIN AND NINA MARTINSON



Confirmation Class at Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church 1908 – 1918 Appx.





Float o Rama Jul 27, 1968

Sharon Olson, Pat Bowman and Lois Johnson



Town of Conover

Moved into Elementary School as its Town Hall in 1999



Conover Recreation Assoc. – Town Hall Basement



Conover Center

Hub of Government & Town Activity

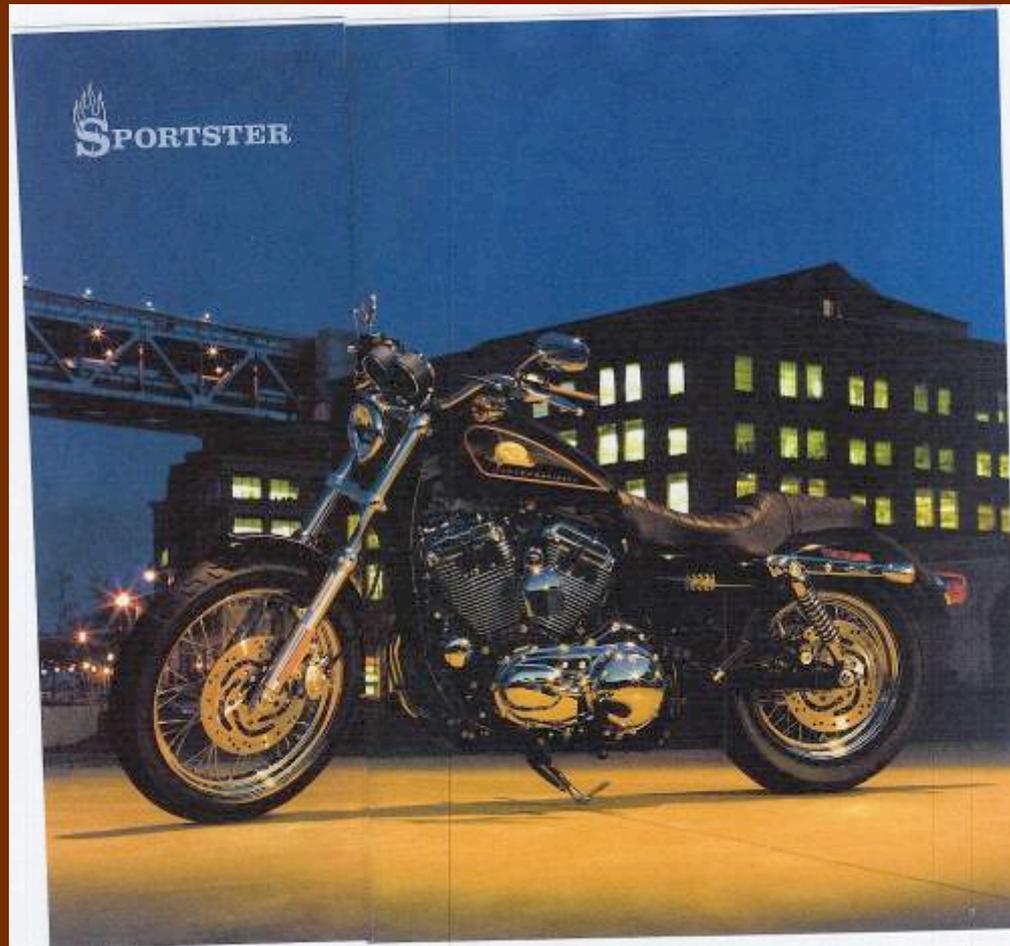
- Town Hall
- Clerk-Treas Office
- Zoning Office
- Polling Place
- Meeting Facility
- Chamber Center
- Organization's Hall
- Emergency Government Facility - Shelter
- U.S. Post Office



Centennial Raffle Grand Prize

2nd – 5th is CASH - \$1000, \$500, \$250 and \$250

Tickets on Sale – Drawing following Parade on July 4, 2007



THANKS TO ASSURED PUBLICATIONS OF TOMAHAWK FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION & DESIGN OF THE SPECIAL LOGO FOR THE CENTENNIAL

- Thank you for being a part of this Historic Event as we continue to strive to make the next 100 years as wonderful and memorable as the past.
- May you be guided and blessed with Health and Happiness in 2007 and beyond !



A big "Thank You" to the City of Plymouth Wisconsin, Pattie Pilz and Bill for their genealogy regarding Seth Conover and for the photos of the Conover Grave Site in the Union Cemetery. Kathy from the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center in Sheboygan Falls was instrumental in obtaining the photos and the history of the Cheese Markers and their factories in Sheboygan County and Plymouth.

The E N D

- The END of the Presentation
- But History Lives on
- Only those fortunate enough to live in the rich past can appreciate the GREAT AREA that we call
- ** H O M E **
- May God preserve us and future generations !