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NOW -- THE SECOND ISSUE

of THE PINERY which we promised you NOW and THEN. Your News Letter Chairman is now a member of the County Historical Society Board and in a much better position to know what is and what might be going on and of interest to you. We'll try to inform you more often. Also we will welcome news items of historic nature which might be of interest to the society so send any you have along to Marie Swallow, 1049 Main Street, Stevens Point.

MEMBERSHIP

We find that many of our members have missed the April 1, 1957 Dues Date for this year. We don't want to lose any of you and we are sure you won't want to miss out on the interesting things that may come up in the future. Won't you try to get your membership \$1.00 to our Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Alice Gordon, Nelsonville, Wisconsin in the near future? This will pay up your dues to April 1, 1958.

NEW MEMBERS

We are ready for an expansion of our Society membership and we will need your personal help.

With the re-organization of the Society we are in a position to move ahead in many projects. An expanded membership is necessary not only to increase the number of working members but also to produce the needed additional capital. There are many people in the County interested in local history and who would undoubtedly join the Society if asked. We feel sure that the \$1.00 per year membership fee is no drawback in these days. Every member might try getting one new member.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF SOCIETY

Improved operation in our Society can be expected as a result of our New Articles of Incorporation which were filed with the Register of Deeds on September 18, 1957.

The most noteworthy benefit will result from an increase in the number of members of the Board of Directors from 6 to 13.

Problems arising from inequitable distribution of responsibilities and duties will be eased and the larger Board will afford a greater cross section of opinion.

The new Articles provide that vacancies on the Board should be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors until the next annual meeting at which time the Society will elect all the members of the Board. The Board is now in the process of making these additional appointments.

A direct affiliation with the State Historical Society is also provided for which will operate to our advantage.

STATE BOARD OF CURATORS

At the annual meeting of the State Historical Society at Green Lake, Mr. Clifford Swanson, the president of our Society, was elected to the Board of Curators of the State Society.

Mr. Swanson reports that while at the Green Lake meeting several members of the State Society commented to him about their enjoyable time at Stevens Point when we were host to the Annual Convention of the State Society in 1956.

CENTURY OLD FARMS

The State Society is still searching for data on farms that have remained in one family for 100 years or more. If any one has any information on this subject a note to the Society will be appreciated.

A JOINT MEETING!

We had hoped to have one this fall with the Sauk County Historical Society at Baraboo, Wisconsin, but time seemed too short to plan adequately for it after the invitation was received. Both Societies have decided to try to hold this joint meeting in the late Spring of 1958. It will mean a trip around the Devil's Lake area, a picnic lunch somewhere there, a visit to the Museum in Baraboo, and a joint meeting with the Society there. Be thinking about it. We'd like to plan for a bus load and make a real Historical day of it.

FUTURE MEETINGS

We hope to have a meeting of the Society yet this fall and if plans in the making prove successful, you will be receiving a notice about it in the near future.

Definite plans are in progress for a circuit meeting at Amherst in January, the exact date to be announced later.

WISCONSIN CALENDARS

Your Society has Wisconsin Calendars for sale again. 50 have been ordered and should be available soon. More will be ordered as needed. The profit from the sale of them helps our coffers. They are available at the Library at the State College. Drop a line to Mr. N. R. Kampenga or call to have one or more saved for you to pick up when convenient. They make a fine Christmas card or gift for that Wisconsin friend out of the State. Why not "A Wisconsin Calendar for a Wisconsinite away from Wisconsin."

WANTED

Information on the Plover portage. Boy Scouts and others are interested in the old trail. Is there anyone in the Society or do you have some friend or neighbor who might give some information on the old portage from the Plover to the Tomorrow River? Any information you can find on this interesting old trail in our County will be appreciated and should be passed on to Mr. Swanson.

Mr. Swanson has held preliminary discussion with Scout Masters of Portage County relating to historical projects in the various Scout Troops. In some of these projects the Scouts can be of great help to the Society. Locating and marking the old Plover portage can be one of these helps.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITS

are on view in the Library of the State College. The present panel is entitled "Folk Lore" and "Big Steel" is now here. Titles of future exhibits are: "Upper Mississippi", "The Local Press", "Logging Camps", "The Medical Profession", "Architecture in Wisconsin", and "Wisconsin from the Air".

Work is also progressing exhibits under the following titles: "Bridges", "Automobiles", "Schools", "Wild Game", "Religion", "Woman Suffrage", "Spanish American War" and others.

Call at the Library and see them. They are in the Main Reading Room and are for all to enjoy.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Those who attended the May 15th meeting which was a panel discussion on the early ethnic groups of Stevens Point and Portage County really enjoyed it. It certainly brought our member participation for nearly everyone in attendance seemed to have some interesting information to contribute. A Tape Recording was made which we hope to run at some future time.

Those taking part on the panel were: Alex Wallace of Stevens Point on the early Yankee Settlers, Rev. John R. McGinley of Stevens Point on the Irish Settlers, and Malcolm Rosholt of Rosholt on the Scandinavian Pioneer. Mr. Adam Bartosz was to have taken part by giving information on the Polish People of Portage County but was unable to attend. However, the other panelists started by Don Whiteside, a college student, who acted as moderator, gave some information on the early Polish settlers and the members in attendance took it up and made several important contributions.

Since this meeting brought out member participation and everyone enjoyed it so much, we would like to know if there are other subjects on which you would like panel discussions. If you have suggestions get them to Mr. Kampenga, Program Chairman.

SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES

Mr. Swanson has given talks before Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and church clubs on local history and historical society items. In January he will talk to the Woman's Club and the Emerson PTA on the 100th Anniversary of Stevens Point as a City.