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SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING -

TUESDAY - November 14.

7:30 P. M.

WHERE - COLLEGE UNION - on Fremont Street
Stevens Point

SPEAKER - Dr. George Dixon of the College
Faculty.

Dr. Dixon will talk on the archaeological aspects of the Yellow Banks site on the Wisconsin River west of Plover and will display artifacts recovered in his diggings.

The Society, through the Portage County Park Commission, is attempting to have this site set aside by the state as a recreational and historical facility and we are anxious to give it as much publicity as possible.

Members of the Park Commission and the Wisconsin Conservation Department visited the site about three weeks ago. Dr. Dixon was along on this visitation and explained the importance of the "INDIAN" mounds.

Also listed for speakers during the evening are Mrs. Win Rothman and Mr. Clifford Swanson who will discuss the Pioneer School Project and the present circumstances and aspects of the project.

ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

Bring your friends. From 7:00 to 7:30
COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL BE SERVED.

WISCONSIN CALENDARS for 1962 -

The 1962 Wisconsin Picture Calendar, published by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, is now off the press.

Members of our local Historical Society have undertaken its sale again this year.

"The Picture of Wisconsin" is the theme of this year's calendar, which is

still only a dollar (\$1.00). 54 black and white and 6 full color photographs taken by Wisconsin's outstanding photographers, both amateur and professional, carry out the theme.

This picture story of Wisconsin is combined with a handy desk calendar as before. For Gifts or for office or personal use it is indispensable.

The Calendar is available at the Public Library, The College Library, or from Mr. Leland Burroughs, Mr. Arnold Anderson, Mrs. Win Rothman in Stevens Point, and Mr. Malcolm Rosholt at Rosholt

Addresses and phone numbers are:

Burroughs	1037 College Ave. -	DI4-6862
Anderson	319 Viertel Ave. -	DI4-4572
Rothman	550 Briggs Street -	DI4-4004
Public Library		DI4-9771
College Library(Kampenga)		DI4-9250
		Ext.37

HISTORIC MARKER DEDICATED -

An Historical Marker commemorating the establishment of the Village of Rosholt was dedicated on September 4th at the time of the Rosholt Fair.

When you are out that way, drive in and see it if you were not on hand for the dedication.

Above the legend appears the official seal of the Society and surrounding it the words - "Portage County Historical Society". This signifies that the information on the Marker has been documented by the Society and is historically correct.

The Society president, Malcolm Rosholt reports that there are strong prospects of getting other markers in the County and the possibility of one on the old Market Square in Stevens Point.

Certainly the importance of these historical sites should be brought to

the attention of the public and future generations, and how better than through the erection of these splendid Markers.

PIONEER SCHOOL HOUSE - Mr. Swanson
Reports -

After many frustrating delays we have finally secured bids on the last part of the restoration of the exterior of the Old Pioneer School House.

Not having the finances to hire professional assistance we were relegated to such help as the professionals could donate between more profitable projects of their own (for which they can't be blamed) and this had been the cause of the delay.

The lowest bid on the last part of the construction was \$2815.00 We have heretofore spent \$1525.00 of the Society funds on this project. Thus it appears that the total cost of restoring the exterior of the school house will be \$4340.00.

The original cost of the building was \$300.00 when it was built in 1850! A good example of what has happened to our economy in 100 years.

Now that we know the full restoration costs it will be necessary to go to the public for the additional funds needed.

Any work on the exterior of the building will have to be held for the future.

EFFIGY MOUNDS AT YELLOW BANKS -

Some time ago, at a Society meeting, Mr. Bradley Blake discussed the effigy mounds at Yellow Banks near Plover. Mr. Blake has now turned over to the Society most of the material found by him in one of the Indian mounds he excavated. Along with this material is a technical report on his findings. An additional report on his findings and work at Yellow Banks recently appeared in the Wisconsin Archaeologist, a magazine of the Wisconsin Archaeological Society.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Last call for 1961-62 dues.

Some of our faithful "Alumni" missed the first call reminding you that dues for the current year were now payable.

If this should be YOU, wouldn't you like to send them to the Treasurer now?

To the 55 who have renewed their memberships, our "Thank You. Each dollar helps so much when funds are limited.

Please use the form enclosed when remitting. Be sure your address is included.

A PORTAGE COUNTY ROAD STORY-

"In November 1868, George Whitney and family left New Brunswick, Canada for Knowlton, Wisconsin. They went by boat to Quebec and by rail from there to Oshkosh, Wisconsin. From Oshkosh to Weyauwega by boat and from that place to Stevens Point by stage coach. When they reached Stevens Point they had to go on to Knowlton, 15 miles north, by boat. The family purchased a cow in Stevens Point and it was up to the oldest son to lead the cow to Knowlton. The family started north on a boat at the same time the son started north on the road which was just a trail through the timber, nevertheless, boy and cow arrived at Knowlton two and one half hours before the boat arrived." At this time it was a whole day's journey from Stevens Point to Knowlton.

A history of Wisconsin's roads, well and little known, would make a most interesting story. Read about the building of the Old Military Road, the Plank roads from Lake Michigan inland, the roads built to bring mail in to settlers.

REMEMBER -

1. Unpaid 1961-62 dues.
2. The General Meeting on Tuesday, November 14 in the COLLEGE UNION
Coffee and Donuts 7:00 to 7:30 - a good half hour for visiting. Meeting called to order at 7:30.