

Iowa County Historical Society Newsletter



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Potpourri

The thanks of the ICHS are due to **Helen Radtke** for her service as president of the society for the past several years. Helen continues on the Board as vice-president. Her successor as president is

Sherry Einerson of Dodgeville.

John Hess of Spring Green has succeeded **Monica Weier** as secretary and **Marie Sersch** will continue as treasurer. **Boyd Geer** of the Old Rock School in Dodgeville has agreed to replace **Dr. Richard Rohowetz**. We thank Dr. Rohowetz for many hours spent programming our society computer and for his previous service as treasurer. We salute them all for their willingness to serve many hours beyond the call of duty.

Homer Griffiths of rural Dodgeville was the

ideal free ranging oral history subject on 5 February, 2003. Member **David Pearson** and **Neil Giffey** filmed and interviewed Homer in his home. His

reminisces and commentary on local culture were vintage Homer. David Pearson has donated a VCR tape of the interview to the Society.

"The History of Iowa County, Wisconsin - 1881" is all but sold out.

Plans to reprint are in the formative stage. **Marie Sersch** has agreed to coordinate the sales and reprinting details. A major challenge is to raise a substantial sum in preprint sales. We solicit your inquiries.

True, the **Goodale-Tyrer** genealogy and history of early America is printed and advance orders have

been mailed. If you are a tribal member, or otherwise, \$26 dollars will still ship your book. Treasurer Sersch arranges shipping.

Losing our Memory?

Not just the Editor's memory but everyone's memory is threatened. A new round of state budget cuts will wreak havoc on the **State Historical Society of Wisconsin** (sometimes called the Wisconsin Historical Society). The archives, the historic sites, the millions of historic books and records, the accessions of new material, the public service implicit in having an historic society, all are threatened by the withdrawal of several million dollars from the accessions and operating budgets. Granted, human welfare and education are top priority but ... the damage inflicted by this new set of priorities is akin to losing our collective memory. It will create a gap between knowledge and our ability to access that knowledge.

Most genealogists and historians do what they do to preserve a sense of continuity and place for their descendants, which even now is in short supply in our society. Let us acquaint our children and grandchildren with the wonders of the past, with the struggles which made us "Americans." This is our obligation and the duty of the State of Wisconsin. It is supposed that road building will not suffer.

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23 Books for Sale at ICHS

A Blacksmith, Santa Unmasked and Ice Sports

by Leon Nelson

Last issue Leon told of watching blacksmith Hank DeMuth shoeing workhorses in Dodgeville. He continues: There were not many high stepping fancy ones that I ever saw. The Clydesdales and Belgians were just something to see at the County Fair. Hank also sharpened plowshares and repaired other farm equipment. I'm sure the John Deere dealer near our house and the farm equipment that **Hoyer** sold made poor old Hank sick to see the end coming to the horse drawn equipment farming.

One winter evening cutting down between Kippy's and the big sign, a light in the lower basement at the Ryal building caught my eye. Gene and I went over to look and what to our wondering eyes should appear but the guy dressing up in the Santa Claus outfit to walk the streets handing out little sacks of candy. The merchants chipped in and bought candy for the town Santa to distribute when the stores were open in the evening before Christmas and we found Santa's hang out. Ha. But with all of this great information we didn't know what to do with it so we did nothing.

Winter in Dodgeville makes me think of sleigh riding down the streets. The town street department would put up some street barricades on a steep hill so that the kids could slide down the street in safety and we would have at it. The streetlights gave us plenty of light and we spent many happy hours careening down the snow packed street. We would also go ice skating down at what used to be known as "Crystal Lake." It was located down Spring Street near the area that was called "Treborville." At one time it was a little lake and all of the folks would picnic and swim there in the summer but it was now, when I was a kid, a settling pond for the silt from the lead mine, but it sure made a good ice rink. The girls usually had figure skates but most of the guys had hockey skates. We all had hockey sticks and a few pucks but we didn't really know the rules of hockey, so we just made up a game. We also used to play capture the flag on skates. In the area where the old grade school stood, just to the east of the new school and gymnasium built in 1939, (now the demolished "Old Middle School") the town flattened out an area and put a berm around it, then black-topped it to make it waterproof. In the winter they would flood it to create an ice pond. That was the end of going to Crystal Lake for winter fun. I think it was quite full of silt by then. All things change with time.

Celebrate with Ole Bull at the Moscow Syttende Mai Saturday 17 May 2003

The ghost town of Moscow will rise again on Saturday 17, May. Help to celebrate the galaxy of events celebrating the 130th anniversary of the appearance of the world's best know violinist, **Ole Bull**, at the little crossroads village of Moscow in Iowa County, Wisconsin. This celebration of **Norwegian Constitution Day** will ring with music, a speech by **Abraham Lincoln**, well-known personages taking the parts of **O. B. Dahle**, founder of Daleyville, and others important to the area. The **Sons of Norway**, local church groups, 4 H clubs and scout troops have been asked to bring home-made goodies to sell to visitors.

Mt. Horeb fiddler **Everett Kittleson** will perform as Ole Bull, using the actual violin played by Ole Bull on that long ago day.

Folklore Village Dancers will perform about noon in the street in front of the original **Chauncey Smith** log cabin. Authentic Norwegian food will be available, bands will play, vendors will sell the fruits of their labors.

It begins at 8:30 a. m. with a salute (*by Civil War reenactors*) to the Civil War veterans buried in the **Moscow Cemetery, near the Chauncey Smith log cabin**. The band and all other participants will be in 1873 costume. During the day, wagons will take visitors to the **Smithsonian** exhibit *Barn Again, Celebrating an American Icon*, on McKenzie Lane, the farm home of **Bert and Thelma McKenzie**.

The event may be reached from the north by taking Hwy 39 or Hwy 78 south to Moscow Road or Hwy 78 north from Blanchardville about two miles. Follow the signs to parking areas. *West Moscow Road will be closed for the day. Details, call 608-523-1188.*

A nonprofit venture, this is a community event coordinated by **Priscilla Lewis** and her husband **Mel**. We commend Priscilla, Mel and their highly cooperative neighbors and local government leaders who are working to make it happen on 17 May. It was Syttende Mai on 17 May 1873 and it is Syttende Mai in 2003. See you there.

"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them." Mark Twain

Show And Tell — A Big Success

as John Hess could best remember

The Iowa County Historical Society held its first ever “Show and Tell” on January 18, 2003 at the Dodgeville City Hall. All Iowa County residents were invited to bring in their most treasured and interesting historical items and given three minutes to describe them. Because of questions from the floor, some went over the allocated time, but nobody cared. Following is a listing of the participants and what they brought in, as well as a brief summary of their presentations. But words are inadequate. Imagination is required. This was a case where you had to be there.

1. **Sharon Bartle** showed a diamond ring and family genealogy chart from her grandmother, **Julie O'Neill Bartle**.
2. **Therese McCarrager** showed an autograph book of her grandmother, **Margaret Hand Ryan**, and promised to donate it to the ICHS.
3. **Boyd Geer** had pictures of the “**Old Rock School**” in Dodgeville, which is his residence. He gave a verbal history of the building, which will be 150 years old this year.
4. **Neil Giffey**, as might be expected, displayed something from the **Dodge Cabin**. It was a piece of the “chair rail”.
5. **Sherry and Ray Einerson** heard “ohs and ahs” when they opened the case which contained a Hardanger fiddle made in 1865 in Norway, which came from **Hans Haakeness**, the father of Ray’s great grandmother.
6. **Lois Holland** showed a “tinder box” with the initials of **Mary Hughes**.
7. **Carolyn Meuer** brought in a “folk art assemblage” showing cutout photos of the **Gratz** family.
8. **Thelma and Burt McKenzie** displayed a baby’s

high chair, which with some deft moves, converted into a stroller. It is a **McKenzie Family** item from the 1880’s.

9. **Gert Peterson’s** presentation had a Norwegian theme, a Norwegian bible of her great grandfather and a book of Norwegian families from **Daleyville**, along with a photo of the **Gold Mine Cheese Factory**.
10. **Calvin Olson** came in with a collection of items that defies description. Included were a family ring, **Korean embroidery**, a \$10 gold piece, an **Army** tie from the **Korean War** and a pipe of curious design.
11. **Marie Sersch** also had a Norwegian bible, this one from the **Lindokken** family, and a walking stick of her great grandfather.
12. **Helen Radtke** passed around her great aunt’s engagement ring.
13. **Melva Phillips** showed a thimble holder from her great-great grandmother, who had made a suit for little **Tom Thumb**, a collection of Sunday School cards, and “**Boy Scouts Co. B**” stand-up cutouts from her father.
14. **John Hess** concluded by modeling his grandfather’s “**Bear Coat**,” an eleven pound coat worn on sleighs at the turn of the last century and worn today for **Packer** football games, including the –13 degree Freeze Bowl of December 31, 1967, and a recent playoff game, in which a woman wanted to punch him in the nose for wearing an animal skin. Surrounding fans came to his rescue.

The Newsletter staff is fairly sure of John’s memory. We did see him taking notes. Editor.

Next Time

Conclusion of **Gerald Fieldhouse** interview regarding early Iowa County cultural outlook.

Black Hawk, short timeline of a hero.

Helen Stratman Thomas, folksongs.

If circumstances permit, a map and study of the **Cemeteries of Iowa County**.

If you know someone with a tale to tell
call Neil at 608-935-5557

The Seeforth Papers

Aspiring authors often send unsolicited manuscripts to publishers. Here is the opening sentence of a recent example: *Way back in the early nineteenth century, a fairly young man was born to a poor but honest share cropping tobacco grower who lived on the meandering Mississippi in the town of Ashport, Tennessee. Amos and Maxine Seeforth called him Billy.*

This interesting but fictional manuscript was returned to the author, who shall remain nameless.

Gerald Fieldhouse, From An Interview January 19, 1993

by Melva Phillips and Neil Giffey

Transcribed by Mary King

This is excerpted from an interview of the late historian Gerald Fieldhouse. It was taped nine years ago, and is a serious effort to understand the past on a local level.

*Fieldhouse--*Iowa County history and the other recollections have an awful lot of merit. they maybe aren't totally true, but I've found in going over things, it wasn't that they didn't tell the truth, rather they didn't tell the whole truth. Like my relatives, they would leave out people that they didn't like.

*Giffey--*Oh, the black sheep.

*Fieldhouse--*Yes, they just left them out com-



Gerald Fieldhouse and a \$10 Model T Ford, 1946

pletely. My grandmother completely forgot about one of her sisters and my great aunt neglected to mention a second family that somebody had. That didn't count. But I do think what they did say has an awful lot of merit. I know that my Great Uncle Shaunce would not speak on Iowa County History on someone like that because he didn't agree with what Milton Persons said. Milton Persons was his brother in law. When someone would try to interview him like Libby (*name garbled, he was a U W Professor*) did, the second time Libby said Milton Persons said that or did that my uncle said there's the door and that was the end of that. That's why Libby had to leave a lot of things out on his story on the Shot Tower. Shaunce knew a lot of it but that old German temperament caught him a lot of times. He didn't particularly like Milton but I think that a lot of what Milton Persons said was quite accurate. Milton Persons would be one of the younger ones in the Dodge party and he had a lot of recollections that he should have been quoted an awful lot more than he was in

1881. (*This refers to the "1881" history of Iowa County.*)

*Giffey--*What possible descendents would he have that might have some information? Since he had about a dozen children there should be a huge number of descendents. Where are some of them? (*Persons descendants are scattered at this time.*)

*Fieldhouse--*I don't know. I've been trying to trace them down. I don't really know if there really were that many. There were quite a few kids, lets see Amy Persons was the youngest, no children. Jack Persons, John Joseph Persons, her brothers, I don't recall they had any children. (*April 1999 the word from Don Fieldhouse is that many Milton Person descendants live in Montana.*)

*Giffey--*A week ago you talked about how the different religions got along. Was there any bigotry or friction? You said not too much.

*Fieldhouse--*I think a lot of it was joking. They'd kid the Catholics or I remember my uncle would tease the Baptists whether the water was warm enough for immersion. I remember a man who sat in the cemetery. They used to kid him all the time that dogs were putting bones over there. Of course, some of them were bitter, bitter fights. The Primitive Methodists had a bitter fight and I don't think that some of them ever got together as long as they lived. Like Judge Jenks and some of them went up to the Congregational Church and some went to Ridgeway with the Primitive Methodist.

*Phillips--*And then they got in a row with the Grace Methodist and that was a family dispute. They pulled away from the Primitive Methodist and built the Grace Methodist Church up there. Two churches in two blocks.

*Fieldhouse--*That Primitive Methodist over there was a remnant of Dodgeville.

*Giffey--*What about their participation in wars. We know Iowa County and especially Mineral Point participated in the Civil War. But what kind of feelings, this was a community that would have some Germans but not a lot like Eastern Wisconsin, during World War I, before we were born, there were a lot of anti German feelings.

*Fieldhouse--*That was bitter at that time. I

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know my great uncle and my grandmother and all those were German and they just clammed up on ever being German and never were German again. They went up to the high school and burned all the text books that had any German in them. It was one big bon fire. The German families really clammed up and they were very careful.

Giffey--That must have been really something. They were a minority here then. They might be a majority now. It wasn't a religious feeling. It was a race feeling, wasn't it?

Fieldhouse--Yes bitterness. They lost their German dialect. It just stopped. Speaking of accents what I can remember so well after '74 (probably 1924?) was people speaking Welsh in town, (*others*) speaking the Cornish dialect.

Giffey--Welsh was completely different. You could pretty well understand the Cornish.

Fieldhouse--Yes, it was all you could do to understand a Welsh person speaking English, let alone speaking Welsh, and you couldn't pronounce their names, all those vowels in there.

Giffey--They had to be pretty smart to be able to pronounce them themselves, wouldn't they?

Fieldhouse--I always thought the Welsh language was sort of a sing song type, more of a musical language sort of.

Giffey--They were typically great singers.

Fieldhouse--Yes, but even when they would speak it was musical. I heard so many of them speak both the Welsh and the English.

Giffey--Did they have Welsh sings? I know they did that in the Wyoming Valley.

Phillips--I think they used to have them at the Congregational Church,

Giffey--That little church in the Wyoming Valley near Jerry Hanson's farm, that's not Congregational. That's Welsh Methodist, isn't it?

Fieldhouse--Yes, it was always Methodist.

Giffey--But they had the same kind of hymn sings didn't they? Now was that an important thing here? I don't see much in the old clippings.

Fieldhouse--Oh, yes. The Congregational church had one a year or more. I never could pronounce what they call it.

Phillips--It starts with a G, that I know. (*Gymanfa Guna or singing festival*)

Fieldhouse--Even when I was in Cornwall

they had their sings right there. So the Cornish evidently had a lot to do with songs, too. Because I know in the neighborhood pub there I think it was a couple of times a week they would have a community sing.

Phillips--They used to tell a story about how when the Welsh came over they would go to Wales, load up the Welsh, and they would turn around and stop off in Ireland and there they put on the Irish. So coming over the Irish would celebrate and dance. The Welsh wouldn't have nothing to do with them because they were very churchy people and they wouldn't have nothing to do with them. But if somebody got sick then the Welsh would help them out but otherwise they'd have nothing to do with the Irish.

Giffey--You know that's right. My Irish ancestors were the scum of the earth when they came over. They were considered that. There's no question about it. But that's pretty much changed. The stereotype of hard drinking people, of course some were, maybe not the Welsh, but the Irish had lots of company otherwise.

Fieldhouse--The Cornish weren't too well received either. Like our family, they said have them as friends but don't marry them.

Phillips--I remember that when I was a kid.

Giffey--The thing is they are just too short (*in stature*) that's all! Right Melva? I always want to go back, what did these people really think? Did they really talk about national events? When I look at old issues of the Chronicle, they used to sometimes really cover national events, which no weekly newspaper does anymore.

Fieldhouse--They all used to do that.

Giffey--Yes, the old Civil War newspapers are a good example.

Fieldhouse--You talked about Camp 20. There was a group, banker Johnny Reese and others that used to get together at Bunky's Butcher Shop. Their topic was especially national events. So it was very definite. I remember when I was down in Tennessee and Kentucky, when talking to people down there. I asked them what they did for excitement. Well they went down to the grocery store and talked and so on. Again it was national events.

Giffey--Do you think they were more patriotic?

Fieldhouse--I think so.

"It isn't ignorance that is so bad,
but all the things we know that ain't so." Will Rogers

The Long Trip from Mineral Point, Wisconsin to California in 1850

by Eugene Beckett

In 1850 **Henry Dodge Bequette** left **Mineral Point**, Wisconsin for the gold fields of California. Henry Dodge Bequette was the son of **Paschal Bequette** and **Elizabeth Piety Dodge**, she the daughter of Governor **Henry Dodge** of Iowa County, Wisconsin. In 1851 Henry Dodge Bequette was engaged in the mining industry near Placerville, California. In 1852 he was appointed Inspector of Customs in the city of San Francisco, California. 152 years later in 2002, my wife Patsy and I followed part of the old Oregon Trail west. At a place named Register Cliff on the Platte River near Guernsey, Wyoming, we found where Henry Dodge Bequette had left his mark. In a square box carved into the limestone cliff is "H D Bequette" and in small letters is "Mineral Point, Wisconsin 1850." Also in the box is "J Allison" who I think may have been **James Allison** who lived near Henry Dodge Bequette in Mineral Point.

This is a very interesting place to visit but must have seemed like a million miles from Iowa County to Henry in 1850. He was a young man of 18 years old in 1850. Patsy and I also visited other places where Henry Dodge Bequette had to pass through like Fort Bridger, Wyoming and Conner Pass, California. This had to be a very hard trip to make in 1850 even in the best of weather. Henry's parents, Paschal and Elizabeth Bequette, left Mineral Point the next year (1851) and made their way to California.

Eugene Beckett is an ICHS member from Illinois. He is the avid Editor of a Bequette-Beckett Family Newsletter with a wide circulation.



Henry Dodge Bequette

Books For Sale

At the museum or by mail

- ✓ The History of Mining in Iowa County by Stan Holland...\$8.00
- ✓ The Little Rock Church on the Ridge by M. Readinger...\$3.50
- ✓ Ghosts of Iowa County by Dennis Boyer...\$2.00
- ✓ Driftless Spirits by Dennis Boyer...\$15.00
- ✓ Iowa County History-Faces and Places...\$1.00
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- ✓ A Look to the North by Melva Phillips...\$25.00
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- ✓ Laxey in the New World...\$10.00
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- ✓ Goodale-Tyrer Families in North America by N. Poquette
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The Goodale-Tyrer Family in North America

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Synopsis, ICHS Minutes

September 12, 2002

Meeting called to order at 5 p.m. by President Radtke. Present: Olson, Phillips, Radtke, Weier, Hess, Rohowetz, Einerson and Giffey, Editor. The minutes were approved Phillips/ ?

John, Melva, Helen, Ruth and Marie attended the Southwest Regional local history society Convention at Westby.

Treasurer's report was read. Monica made the motion to approve the report and Melva seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Society sold \$81 worth of books.

The Annual Meeting will be October 22, 2002. Neil suggested having Tamara Funk give a talk on antique quilts and other textile preservation. We will serve finger foods and have an election of officers.

The bake and misc. items will be at Dick's Mall on Saturday, November 2, from 8:30 to whenever. Meeting for the new board will follow.

Meetings will be on the third Tuesday of the month probably starting in January.

Melva moved to adjourn. Sherry seconded.

Respectfully submitted, Monica Weier

October 22, 2002

Meeting opened at Dodgeville City Hall by president Radtke. Present: Phillips, Einerson, Sersch, Giffey, Radtke, Hess and Rohowetz.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

John Hess read the minutes of last year's meeting in Monica Weier's absence. Approved Phillips/Anderson.

Election for Directors: Carol Portwine nominated Carol Thomas. Dr. Rohowetz stated that he was willing to be appointed to the Board. Thomas nomination withdrawn. Other nominees: Ruth Bahr, Sherry Einerson, Melva Phillips, Neil Giffey. Motion made by John Hess to cast a unanimous ballot.

Old Business: Use of ICHS. It is confusing to have the Humane Society using it also. It is especially confusing with the mail distribution.

New Business: A little church in Pulaski needs a caretaker. Is it too far away? Do we want it? Needs to be discussed. We don't have all the details.

November 2: Bake and Craft Sale at Dick's Mall.

Next meeting is January 18, 2003 at Dodgeville City Hall with Show and Tell.

Motion made by John Hess to adjourn. Carried.

January 18, 2003

Meeting called to order by President Helen Radtke at 1:00 PM. Present: Olson, Phillips, Sersch, Einerson, Giffey, Hess and Bahr.

Minutes of the September 12, 2002 meeting prepared by Monica Weier were read by Hess. Motion to approve, seconded, carried. Treasurer's Report presented by Sersch, with explanation that electric bills from the past year would be presented to the City of Dodgeville for reimbursement of one-half, per agreement. Motion to approve, seconded, carried.

Old Business Discussion of reprinting of "History of Iowa County, Wisconsin 1881" while publisher is offering the use of the original plates. Questions regarding financing the purchase, the size of the printing, and market potential will be investigated, with no action taken. Regarding the "Pulaski Church" which was offered to the ICHS, after discussion, motion by Giffey to decline ownership offer, second by Einerson, motion carried.

New Business Election of Officers for the coming administrative year began with Einerson nominated for President by Giffey, seconded by Hess, followed by Sersch nominating Radtke, second by Phillips. Motion to close nominations by Hess, seconded by Giffey, carried. Vote was called with Radtke receiving two votes, and Einerson elected President with five. For Vice President, Hess nominated Radtke, second by Giffey. There were no other nominations and Radtke was elected by unanimous ballot. For Treasurer, Sersch was nominated by Giffey, second by Phillips. There were no other nominations and Sersch was elected by unanimous ballot. For Secretary, Hess was nominated by Phillips, second by Radtke. There were no other nominations and Hess was elected by unanimous ballot.

Regarding an open Director position not filled at the Annual Meeting, Giffey advised that he thought Richard Rohowetz would accept appointment to continue on the Board and would confirm this and report back.

Sersch read a letter from Greg Crane, a descendant of Gomer Lewis, WW I veteran killed in action, who was from Iowa County.

Motion to adjourn at 1:37 PM, seconded and carried. Membership meeting immediately followed by "Show and Tell."

Respectfully submitted, John Hess, Sec. From minutes by S. Einerson.

February 20, 2003

Meeting called to order by President Sherry Einerson at 5:00 PM. Board Members present: Radtke, Sersch, Phillips, Olson, Giffey, Bahr and Hess.

Minutes of the January 18, 2003 minutes prepared by Sherry Einerson were accepted with motion, seconded and carried. Treasurer's Report presented by Sersch was approved with motion, seconded and carried. Acknowledgement and thank you to Phillips for \$30 memorial to ICHS in memory of Christine Helmenstine.

Old Business "History of Iowa County, Wisconsin 1881". Discussion continued about feasibility of reprinting subject book, with letter from the publisher itemizing costs read by Sersch. She will check on availability of financing from Iowa County Loan Fund and Special No Interest Fund set up at the M & I Bank, which was used for the prior printing in 1996. Publisher of subject book found five copies left over from the 1996 printing and offered them for sale at that year's price of \$37 plus shipping. Motion by Hess to pay invoice when received, second by Giffey, carried.

Radtke advised that there may be possible funding from United Way in the fall for a specific project, with Phillips suggesting the need for another fire-proof filing cabinet. Radtke also advised that after last year's successful profit sharing venture with Culvers in Dodgeville, she had scheduled the ICHS for the same week this year (March 17). Motion to participate again this year by Giffey, second by Sersch, carried, with Einerson to follow up.

Discussion of renewing membership with Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce for the \$50 annual fee. Giffey /Olson, carried

Sersch advised a Dubuque radio station would announce our activities as a public service if a schedule was provided to them. Decision made to include the Dodge Party Cabin dates starting on May 15 and the Ice Cream Social date scheduled for Thursday July 17.

Giffey reported on a proposed event at the Courtney Smith Log Cabin in the Town of Moscow scheduled for May 17 being organized by Priscilla Lewis. The event is budgeted for \$7,000 and she is seeking grant funding and has requested lending our name to the event and use of the ICHS 501 (c) (3) non-profit status if necessary to obtain funding. Written plans will be forthcoming and no action was taken.

Regarding the open position on the Board, Dick Rohowetz declined to be appointed. Boyd Geer, who previously agreed to serve if appointed, was nominated to the Board by motion of Giffey, seconded by Radtke, carried.

New Business Einerson brought up for discussion the need for upgrading computer software used for data entering of ICHS collections. She also reviewed correspondence which included a schedule of workshops offered by the Wisconsin Historical Society, and an invitation to exhibit photos at the Court-house.

Giffey updated the Board on the status of the Goodale/Tyrer book orders and printing schedule. With 20 paid orders in hand, he suggested it was time for a printing run. Motion by Hess to print and assemble 50 copies, second by Sersch, motion carried.

Bahr brought up for discussion a Style Show for Farmers Appreciation Day, and Phillips suggested an entry in the Parade on the same day.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 20 at 4 PM.

Motion to adjourn, second, carried.

Respectfully submitted, John Hess, Secretary

Nancy Poquette Gifts to Society

Nancy Poquette, author of the **Goodale-Tyrer** Genealogy now offered for sale, has donated to the Society copies of her notes on the following Iowa County families: **Goodale-Tyrer**, The **Davey** Family of Dodgeville, A Sketch of the **Poquette** Family, A Sketch of the **Holmes** Family, A Sketch of the **William Jones Mitchell** Family, The **Bunting** Family, The **Stephens** Family, A Summary of the Notes on **Paisley, White and Gowdy**, The **Youlton** Family, and The **Anthony** Family. They are available for research in the museum. In addition, Nancy has provided several family tree printouts. The surnames cover many Iowa County bloodlines. Yours too?

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Calendar of Events

Ole Bull and Syttende Mai

Celebration in the old town of Moscow

Saturday, May 17, 2003

Music, dancing, Lincoln, parade and ethnic
food at the *Chauncey Smith* log cabin north
of Blanchardville. All are welcome.

See page two for details.

Please renew now now now now

Thank You

**Dodge Cabin season opens on Thursday 15 May
Bring your kids**

Ice Cream Social

July 17, 2003

At the Museum

1301 N. Bequette St.

Dodgeville

5 to 7 p. m.

Love that ice cream.

Pie on the menu?

Come and find out.



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