

# OBS News

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## DECEMBER O-BHS CHRISTMAS REGULAR MEETING/TODD LINDAHL TO SPEAK

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 6:00 P. M., AT THE MAPLE COMMUNITY CENTER.

OUR MEETING WILL BEGIN WITH OUR POT-LUCK SUPPER, FOLLOWED BY OUR SPEAKER WHO WILL BE LOCAL HISTORICAL RESEARCHER, MR. TODD LINDAHL, OF TWO HARBORS. TODD WILL GIVE US A POWER POINT PRESENTATION, AT LEAST IN PART, ON THE OLD-BRULE/NORTHERN LAKES ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY RECENT TREK TO THE OLD COPPER CREEK MINING SITE NEAR PATTISON PARK. OUR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING WILL FOLLOW, AND WE WILL CLOSE OUT THE EVENING WITH OUR GIFT EXCHANGE.

**ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME!**

**Thanks to the Town of Maple for use of their Community Center, to all those who decorated, to all who serve us in the kitchen, and to those who bring refreshments to share.**

### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Seasons Greetings!

Yes, the Christmas season is almost here, and one wonders how many really know the reason for the Christmas season. When we look back at the history of the Old-Brule area and the many towns that were formed out of Old-Brule and the many churches that were formed in these towns, why did these early settlers feel that it was necessary to have a church to worship at? Was it because they felt that God gives meaning to their lives. Living was hard, and staying alive was very hard, travel was very hard, and the roads, if you can call them roads, were poor, in the early 1900's. Yet these early settlers found the time and materials to build churches even if they were small and with only one or maybe two rooms. They served the purpose to bring the families together to worship and thank their God, who they felt had protected them and provided their food and health. Are we working as hard today for our churches and communities?

I want to thank all those who worked so hard on the Davidson Windmill and the log cabin to get them to the condition that they are presently in, though not complete.

The Windmill Apple Festival open house was a great success. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it what it was, and, to the Duluth *Tribune* newspaper for the article that helped to bring the people out to see, in many cases, just the Windmill.

At the last board meeting it was decided to have the following board members serve as chairpersons and members on the various committees:

- Advertising (Publicity) committee - Jim Pellman, Chairman
  - Audrey Hakkila, Member
  - Mary Ann Gronquist, Member
- Mid-Summer Committee - Alice Christensen, Chairperson
  - MaryAnn Gronquist, Co-Chairperson
- Windmill Committee
  - Jim Pellman, Chairman
  - Harry Wester, Sub-Chairman
  - Eddie Walman, Sub-Chairman
- Archives Committee
  - Jim Pellman, Chairman

There will be from time to time other committees needed and added to address the necessary functions of the group. We appreciate any and all help in these committees, and thank those who are presently involved in their activities.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully yours,  
Earl Granroth

**FROM THE EDITOR:**

A computer slip-up has just led to the loss of over two hours work on this note from your editor. One second a neatly typed and carefully worded poetic essay stood ready to fill its space, and in the next, at the touch of a key, off it flew into cyberspace, lost forever. This becomes a metaphor for what I was talking about, our human finiteness and vanity in every respect. (I cried.)

The thoughts are still with me. I was saying that one of my favorite areas of study is human groups of all sizes. And I wanted to say something about how they are made up of finite creatures, with the mystery of how these groups grow from hundreds to thousands to even millions. I expressed the wonder at how they are held together.

I then wanted to mention that over my life I have noticed that in the long run all human groups are unstable. I pointed out the mortality of each one of us is an important reason for this instability. I made the point that there are other factors important in this instability. I used the example of Pear Harbor Day, December 7, 1941, and its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary this week, which memorializes the clash of two immense human groups. I pointed out that Emperor Hirohito, conceived as a divine being on earth, was the god of the Japanese people and the source of the Japanese nation's values. I mentioned Adolf Hitler as his Axis partner, and the German elite and masses which under his spell had as their god the supremacy of the Aryan Race. I felt it was important to draw a distinction between those sources of value sustaining the Japanese and German people, and what sustained the Americans, and the English.

Americans also fought and gave the full measure, but they did not fight as zealots. They were free men and women, free at heart. Their strength and success came from a deep spring of hope built upon a Faith beyond their nation and culture. This Faith is marked by its mercy and love of truth, by its humility and honest sense of human limitations. Americans defended Constitutional Law which protected the exercise of this Faith in the smallest places, in the weakest vessels.

Finally I made the point that we need to remember that this is really what this season is about, mercy and honesty and freedom, despite the gilded wrapping, tinsel and lights, and the pursuit of daily vanities, conspicuous consumption, and the cult of youth and the new. As our President has noted above, our pioneers bore witness to this Faith in their humble spiritual structures, but more so, in the solid civility of their collective life.

-Jim Pellman

**2007 OLD-BRULE HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE. (See enclosed order form.)  
2006 CALENDARS STILL AVAILABLE. ( Great Christmas gifts ! )**

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, produced its eighth and final calendar in 2005 with more pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds of these annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, are being used for the publication of the history of Brule, hopefully to be completed soon. Limited numbers of the 2005 calendar and earlier issues are still available. To order any of these calendars by mail, please write or call Janet Follis, P. O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820 (715) 372-4948.

Continuing the BHRG calendar tradition, the *2006 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendar* is still available in limited numbers. They are available for \$5.00 from O-BHS members or at limited local business outlets. An e-mail address for more info: [musketeer6@cheqnet.net](mailto:musketeer6@cheqnet.net), and phone: 715-363-2549. Our 2007 calendar is now available at \$6.00. Our thanks to our 44 advertisers and to the crew of Alice Christensen, Mary Ann Gronquist, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau and Laila Magnuson who made the many business contacts. Shipping and handling costs are \$3.00 each.

**OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE O-BHS NEWS ARE THOSE OF THE WRITERS ALONE AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT OFFICIAL POSITIONS OF THE O-BHS ORGANIZATION.**

**ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.**

The Archives Committee would welcome other volunteers to help us in this important part of the O-BHS mission. Our current project is learning to use the computer in support of our work, scanning documents and photos, storing records and creating data bases. Our thanks to our loyal committee members and contributors, and to the Town of Maple for archives space. If you enjoy exacting work please join us at 1 p.m. at the Pellmans' some Monday afternoon. Next meeting: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Please call 363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.  
OCTOBER 11, 2006, BRULE TOWN HALL**

Attendance 29

Time 6:18 PM.

I.-PROGRAM—Jim Pellman shared the history within the new 2007 Old-Brule Heritage Society Historical Calendar. Jim also announced a Fall Trek to the Copper Creek Mining Site for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> (see new business below).

II.—BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS.

III. BUSINESS MEETING:

A. CALL TO ORDER: Earl called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, also for all the work that has been done on the mill site, and to all who took part in the Apple Festival weekend at the mill; also to all who donated baked goods, and all who went out and got ads for our new Calendar.

B. MINUTES APPROVAL: (prior regular meeting only, as printed in the last newsletter: June 21, 2006 meeting, as printed in the August 2006 *O-BHS News*): Audrey made a motion to approve the minutes and Shirley seconded it. Motion carried.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT:

CHIPPEWA VALLEY BANK, Lake Nebagamon, checking: \$ 2,290.15

NBC-POPLAR WINDMILL, savings account: \$10,438.35

The Treasurer has been waiting until after our Mid Summer and Cabin expense before pursuing a CD/ Money Market. Jim made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Irene (& Eddie) seconded the motion which carried.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. DAVIDSON WINDMILL COMM.: Apple Fest Weekend Report.

Donations----- \$ 466.25

Sales----- \$ 692.25

Bake Sale----- \$ 220.00

Late money turned in \$15.00

Total -----\$1,393.50

Lakeside Books-- \$ 220.00

Total for 3 days-- \$ 1,173.50

Construction Report—Shingles are ready to be put onto the cabin, also windows and door. Lois made a motion that the board look into contacting Doug Montavon about putting shingles on the mill. We need a serious bid on it. Jackie seconded the motion, motion carried. Turned over to Windmill Committee.

2. FUND-RAISING: Magnet order is in, no pins yet, earring fobs? Jackie moved to bring it to the mill committee to discuss it. Karin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. ARCHIVES: Next meeting will be at Pellmans' on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1 PM. More volunteers needed. If anyone has old pictures, we can scan them, and return them immediately with signed permission sought to use them without restriction if possible.

4. WEBSITE: Jim contacted Jon Winter. Jon said he is closer to working on the site with his CPA friend (Jason Ohman) who has agreed to update our site every other month. A meeting to go over updated procedures would still be useful, essential to have site's market portion up very soon. Have Jackie contact Jon about things we could sell on the web site.

5. (LOIS) POLLARI MEMORIAL Fund ("Foundation") Northwestern Schools Historical Fund: Lois presented ideas on use of the funds, asked to use only the Pollari name, rather than including her first name. Every child in the District could write on paper something about him or herself that we could put into a time capsule (in conjunction with the year 2007 Centennial events throughout Old-Brule). Hope said she would like to go and talk to the School District of Maple. Lois made a motion to form a committee and Irene seconded the motion. Motion carried. The committee will consist of Hope, Lois, Minerva and Audrey.

6. PUBLICITY: Earl thanked Audrey for all the work she has done putting articles into the *Telegram*, *Connection Paper*, *Northwoods Shopper* and also, Mary Ann for the articles she put into different places. It was brought up that the publicity process should be "institutionalized," a formal committee should be created. Younkers Sale: there is a possible need for two portable stands for Younkers Sale for November 11<sup>th</sup> 2006.

7. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Heritage Maps on hold for now.

OBHS Calendars 2006---\$ 5:00, 2007---\$ 6:00. 43 ½ ads were purchased. 400 copies were printed \$ 996:00, total cost. *Wisconsin Far Northwest* reprint preparation is on-going. Lakeside History *Sisu and Sauna* sales, and resolution of distribution of proceeds: awaiting letter from Paul as chair of that committee. Davidson Windmill book, or booklet needed? Amnicon-Lakeside/Lake Nebagamon History?

8. MEMBERSHIPS-Dues are now being collected for 2007. Please keep track of Volunteer Hours on the blue form and turn in last year's if you haven't.

9. BRULE HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP: Help is needed. ISBN reserved through OBHS.

10. DAVID MAKI ACTIVITIES: Report. Finnish grant received, University of Turku; more work on a visit to the Knuuttila site in Lakeside yet this fall.

11. CENTENNIAL FARMS: See Jim Pellman

12. LAKE NEBAGAMON CENTENNIAL: Activities-No new ones.

13. ASHLAND CONFERENCE REPORT: Earl reported on the Wisconsin Council for Local History meeting, Northwestern Region - 9 OBHS people attended. There was a roundtable discussion on what history really is, and to get school children to study local history. Lecture on the creation of the murals and a mural walk. There were seven different murals on seven different buildings.

14. NEXT BOARD MEETING : Jackie Plunkett home, Maple November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

15. OTHER BUSINESS: Jackie, Hope, Delores, Jim, and Marilyn will do an inventory on the merchandise we have on hand on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, at Hope Swenson's home. Harry asked about what kind of storage containers we have to store in, (anticipating secure, anti-rodent, storage needs in the lean-to).

#### E: NEW BUSINESS

1. COPPER CREEK MINE TREK north of Pattison Park, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM, with Northern Lakes Archaeological Society. All invited. Strenuous.

2. NEXT REGULAR MEETING ("CHRISTMAS MEETING") – December 13<sup>th</sup> 2006, Maple Community Center, 6:00 PM. Barb Granroth made a motion to have our Christmas Meeting at Maple. Motion seconded by Delores Pellman. Motion carried. There will be a \$ 5:00 Gift Exchange for men or women who wish to partake in it (gift should be marked "man" or "woman" or "either" ). Also, we were encouraged to bring a can of food for the food shelf. Please bring a dish to pass.

3. COMMUNICATIONS: Laila talked about the Dennis Smet sauna we could get and that someone should go and take a look at it to see if we want it or not. The best we could do as a group is encourage that it be saved. Problems with locating a site. We are spread too thin. Also Laila said what a nice picture of Harry Wester and Eddie Walman in the *Duluth News Tribune* paper.

We received a letter from the Douglas County Zoning Office about the lean-to addition being put on the building. Jim addressed the questions in the letter in a visit to the office, bringing in our plans, and we were pronounced in compliance. We still need to deal with our lot size being too small from the time it was transferred to us. This might be accomplished by seeking commercial zoning for our property.

#### 4. OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Harry asked about making a trench in the ground so we could get electricity in. There was some discussion on it. Jim encouraged us to include concerns of Gene Davidson.

#### F. ADJOURNMENT.

Harry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barb Granroth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Colby, Secretary

#### FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps and tee shirts and sweat shirts for sale. Magnets are going for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our general fund. The Windmill mugs are \$4.00, caps, \$5.00, and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund. Sweat shirts, any size are \$25.00, taxes included. **PLEASE SEE ENCLOSED FORM FOR PRICES FOR OUR CHRISTMAS WINTER SALE!**

Available also are copies of a David Noah Seis photograph of the mill for sale. This image comes in three sizes: 4 by 5 inches, 5 by 7 inches, and 8 ½ by 11 inches. The smaller reproductions can also be used as post cards as each has a brief historical description on half of its reverse side. Prices are \$1.00, \$2.00 and the largest one which has no printing on it \$3.00. All are laser reproductions on card stock suitable for framing. This same image is available in our magnet series.

Our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books *Pathways* and *Echoes* are available for \$20.00 a copy + \$3.00 shipping. Wisconsin tax is included in all our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items are available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an O-BHS member. O-BHS Calendars for 2006 (\$5) and 2007 (\$6) are also available (\$3 shipping).

#### UNAPPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES

#### OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2006, JACKIE PLUNKETT'S RESIDENCE, MAPLE.

PRESENT: Jim Pellman, Earl Granroth, Jack Pank, Karin Colby, Eddie Walman, Jackie Plunkett,

Hope Swenson, Delores Pellman, Irene Parenteau, Marion Christensen.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM by our President, Earl Granroth.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** (September 13, 2006, meeting at Eddie Walman's home, board meeting only, as printed in the October newsletter.) Marion moved that we approve the minutes as published, with a second by Jackie. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Chippewa Valley Bank: Checking:	<b>\$ 3,288.50</b>
NBC-Poplar: Windmill Savings Account:	<b>\$10,438.35</b>
Income for October:	
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$ 2,549.70</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 1,745.99</b>

**OUTSTANDING INCOME:**

12- <i>Wisconsin Far Northwest</i> (J.W. Beecroft):	\$180.00
2 - <i>Sisu &amp; Sauna</i> books:	\$ 40.00

(Not yet deposited) **Nov. Item**

**OUTSTANDING EXPENSES:**

Check to Virginia Pearson	\$ 5.00
Check to Follis Building Contractor	\$ 25.00
Check to Jim Pellman	\$ 5.25

Jackie said Beecroft has purchased another (wholesale) 12 books and they will be sending a check this week. Nothing has been taken out of the Mill Fund.

Irene moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Hope. Motion carried.

There was a discussion on our policy of keeping the mill fund proceeds separate. (current: \$ 237.81)

The Treasurer has been waiting until after our Mid-summer event and cabin expenses before pursuing a CD/Money Market certificate.

**OLD BUSINESS.**

**1. Current OBHS Committee Structures/Assignments/Heads** (Board members only):

**Review:** It was discussed that a Board member should be serving with Audrey as chairman on the Publicity Committee. Hope made a motion to have Jim Pellman serve on the Publicity/Advertising Committee. Jackie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim to ask Alice Christensen to be Chairman for the Mid-summer Committee. Marion made a motion to have Mary Ann Gronquist serve with Alice on it. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim moved to have Harry Wester as Sub-Chairman of the Windmill Committee with Eddie Walman. Jackie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was mentioned that Jim is working to copy Harry's maps.

**2. Davidson Windmill Committee** (From October Regular Meeting in Brule), Apple Fest

**Weekend Report:**

DONATIONS-----	\$ 466.25
MERCHANDISE SALES--	\$ 692.25
BAKE SALE-----	\$ 220.00
LATE MONEY TURNED IN _____	\$15.00
<b>TOTAL-----</b>	<b>\$1,393.50</b>

LAKESIDE BOOKS SOLD-	\$ 220.00
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Net TOTAL FOR 3 DAYS-	\$1,173.50
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**Construction Report:** Shingles are ready to be put on the cabin. Windows are needed. New door is installed, donated by Delores Pellman. Lois had made a motion that the board look into contacting Doug Montavan (J. R. Jensen) (and others) about putting shingles on the mill. We need a serious bid on it. Jackie seconded, motion carried. White or local old growth cedar is better than red cedar shingles according to Hobart Finn. His address is , True North Cedar, Inc., Hobart Finn, President, Duluth, Minn., phone:1-218-348-3772.

We are to contact people for doing shingles soon so we will be ready for spring. There was discussion on electrical wiring for the cabin site. The Windmill Committee will discuss this at their next meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6 p.m. at Rapids Riverside.

**3. Fund-raising:** Jim reported that pins can be ordered through Superior Trophy at the Mariner Mall. Also, earring fobs were mentioned. Jackie made a motion to bring proposals to the Windmill

Committee's next meeting to discuss. Karin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jim mentioned about pins and key chain, and a windmill magnet with a glossy surface. Marion among discussion said if it could be done it would be nice to have it. More research to be done and carried to Windmill Committee meeting.

4. **Archives:** Next meeting will be at Pellmans' on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Earl and Jim said that they have got a lot done and if anyone would like to join them everyone is welcome. If anyone has old pictures we can scan them and return them immediately with signed permission sought to use them without restriction, if possible.

5. **Website:** Jackie spoke on the Website. Jon has our camera at this time and will be getting it to Paul. Earl had written an email letter to Jon. The committee would like to meet with him soon to discuss updating the site.

6. **Pollari Memorial Northwestern Schools Donation.** Lois presented ideas on use of the funds at our last regular meeting. Every child in the district could write a paper about him or herself that could be put into a time capsule (in conjunction with the year 2007 centennial events throughout Old-Brule). Jim said he would talk with Lois about it. The committee assigned to contacting the school consist of Hope, Lois, Minerva and Audrey.

7. **Publications Committee:** Heritage Maps on hold for now. *Wisconsin Far Northwest* reprint preparations are ongoing.. Lakeside history, *Sisu and Sauna* sales: "resolution of distribution of proceeds letter" received from Paul Colby as Chairman of their committee. Davidson Windmill History Book or Pamphlet is needed. Centennial histories needed for Amnicon, and Lake Nebagamon and other towns and villages formed in 1906-7.

Earl mentioned if Jackie had sent book money to the Lakeside Fire Department. He has been selling books and calendars. We should ask if Poplar Hardware would sell calendars for \$4.00 wholesale. Jim moved that we sell calendars for \$4.00 wholesale to businesses. Jackie seconded. Motion carried.

8. **Membership:** Dues are now due for 2007. Also record your volunteer hours on new blue forms, and turn in last year's if you haven't yet. (to Jim P.).

9. **Brule History Research Group:** ISBN has been reserved through OBHS.

10. **David Maki Activities:** He will give us a program at a later date. We have been helping him with research on the Knuutila site in Lakeside.

11. **2007 Sesquicentennial and Centennial Homes and Farms:** See Jim Pellman who has forms for 2007. Deadline Mar. 1, 2007.

12. **Lake Nebagamon Centennial Activities:** No new news.

13. **Next Board Meeting:** January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at Hope Swenson's in Lakeside, 6:00 PM

14. **Inventory:** Jackie, Hope, Delores, Jim, and Marilyn Pank did inventory on all merchandise on hand on October.26<sup>th</sup> at Hope Swenson's Home. Jackie would still like to see a sale from November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to January 15, 2007. 50% off. For Jim to put it into the newsletter and hopefully add it to our website. Jackie made a motion to sell our Tee Shirts and Sweatshirts at 50% off, now through January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Motion carried.

15. **Gavel Engraving Plate:** Done.

E: NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Copper Creek Mine Trek** (north of Pattison Park): Only four people went in October. Another trip to the site is planned for May 2007. Jim made a motion for OBHS to support going to Copper Creek again in May with Northern Lakes Archaeological Society. Hope seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **Next Regular Meeting (Christmas Meeting):** Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at the Maple Community Center, 6 p.m. There will be a \$5 gift exchange. Man or woman's gift marked, for those who want to participate. Bring a dish to pass, and bring a canned or packaged good for the food shelf. We will have a speaker. (Todd Lindahl).

F. COMMUNICATIONS: Laila M. mentioned about the Dennis Smet *savu-sauna*. We are overextended, but as a group we should encourage that it be saved if possible. She had also commented on Eddie's and Harry's picture in the *Duluth News Tribune*.

A thank you went out to Jackie for hosting the meeting and the good lunch we shared after the meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT: Hope moved for adjournment, and Irene P. seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karin Colby, Secretary

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Another excerpt (pages 95-96) from our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, ©2004, 2005, 2006.

**THE TOWN OF HAWTHORNE** *Part 2 of 2.*

Hawthorne 1976 Bicentennial Committee, Lil Richter, Harry Wester

Because the bridge was gone [after the great mill fire of 1910] Axel Soderland and J. A. Wattman built a board walk over the [Middle] river so the Wattman, Johnson and Soderland children could cross the river to get home from school. After the fire this side was never rebuilt but was used for farming. After the fire Thiede and Haskins built a store which they sold to O. B. Anderson, who in turn sold it to John Wernig. On June 24, 1924 Mike Siegel and his son, Abe, bought out John Wernig. In 1945 Mike Siegel retired leaving Abe sole owner, who in turn sold it to Donald Johnson in 1946. A year later Abe bought the store back and in April 1948 sold it to Mr. Thoms of Duluth. The next owners were Mr. and Mrs. Art Martinsen who sold it in 1972 to the Ray Demour's.

In 1915, a Cooperative creamery was built by the farmers of the community. In three years it had failed and the farmers lost what they had invested in the project. The building is still here and is a private dwelling owned by Mr. And Mrs. Thomas Wiisanen, which sits directly west of the old Presbyterian Church, which later belonged to the Assemblies of God; and is now privately owned.

The first Hawthorne School remembered in the "Downtown Area" was built about 1904. It was a two-story building with an outside stairway to the upper floor. Later the stairway was moved to the inside of the building. This was used until the district built a new two room school building with a basement. Another two rooms were added to make a four room school in 1929. This was used until consolidating with the Maple School District in 1969. There were several outlying schools in the town including the Dobie School, located at the northeast corner of County Highway "D" and the South Shore Grade. Another was the Ibsen School

situated on the Ibsen Road. The Carl Von Linne School was located approximately four miles east of U. S. Highway 53 on the south side of County Highway "B." Both Ibsen and Carl Von Linne school buildings are standing. (Carl Von Linné, is commonly known by his Latin name, Carl Linnaeus, the Swedish botanist and explorer who was the first to create a uniform system for classifying and naming plants and animals.) There also was a school named "The Walderly School" on the Gillispie Road. One more school was about three miles west of Hawthorne on County Highway "B." Could this have been the Hillcrest School? There also may have been others.

During the "Boom Days," Hawthorne consisted of two hotels, a creamery, a jail, a pool hall, several hard and soft drink parlors, a shingle mill, a Woodmans Hall, which was used for recreational purposes, several restaurants, a barber shop, the two room school, three stores, two sawmills and many houses.

Some of the earlier settlers in the area were: J. P. O'Shea, Thomas McGovern, Elizabeth McCormick, John and Ole Johnson, Tom Gordon, August Moreau, John and Gustav Bjur, Oscar Anderson, Herman Peterson, Louis Efaw and Axel Soderland.

Our pioneers underwent many severe and difficult hardships to settle this part of the state. Men walked for miles surrounded by trees and wild animals to make homes for themselves and their families. They had no roads but followed trails that were made by wild animals and Indians. The Indians' main trail was where County Highway "AA" now runs. The main route to Superior for the early settlers to buy supplies was old 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

### Notices:

**THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS:** To **all of our members** for their continuing loyalty to the cause of local history. To **Everyone** caught up on their dues for 2006-2007. To the **Work Crew** at the Finnish cabin at the mill. To **Delores Pellman** for her donation of a new storm door. To member **Ron & Sue Hendrickson** for their money gift to our group in the name of **Jack & Mary Ann Gronquist**. To the inventory crew at **Hope Swenson's: Marilyn Pank, Jackie Plunkett, Delores Pellman & Hope.**

**ENCOURAGEMENTS:** To members **Arnold and Doris Perala**. To members **Jack Gronquist, Cash Christensen.** To **Oscar Anderson.**

**OUR SYMPATHY:** To **Ruth, Mrs. Kenneth Lintelmann**, in her loss of **Ken** at 86 on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. To the **Salo family** on the loss of **Carl** who died at 90 on Nov. 4. To the family of **Dr. Rodney Landseth** of Lake Nebagamon on his passing at 73 on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. . . . . *and who have we missed or forgotten?*

### Calendar:

**December 6**, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Windmill Committee meets at Rapids Riverside in Amnicon.

**December 7**, Thursday, Pearl Harbor Day (1941).

**December 13**, Wednesday, 6 p.m. O-BHS Regular Meeting (Christmas Meeting). Pot luck lunch. Todd Lindahl to give power point presentation on Local Copper Mining, etc. \$5 gift exchange. Business meeting. Bring Food Shelf can.

**December 24**, Sunday, Christmas Eve.

**December 31**, Sunday, New Years Eve.

**January 8**, Monday, 1 p.m. Archives Committee meets at Pellmans.

**January 10**, Wednesday, 6 p.m. O-BHS Board Meeting at Hope Swenson's in Lakeside.

**January 15**, Monday. Deadline for February issue of *O-BHS News*.

**February 14**, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Regular O-BHS Meeting. David Maki to give slide talk on recent research.

**May 2007**, Second O-BHS and Northern Lakes Archaeology Society Copper Creek Archaeology Trek near Pattison Park, during Wisconsin Archaeology Week. Call Jim at 715-363-2453 for full details later. Weather permitting.

### WEB SITE ON LINE

The Website Committee has been working with member **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior** on our own independent site ([www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org)). *Please note recent updates and changes at the site.* **Jason Ohman** will be helping with updates. He is a CPA with **McGladrey & Pullen** in Duluth. Thank you all for your patience as we continue to build up the site. Thanks to **Audrey Hakkila** for her many efforts. **Microsoft** has donated web site software permitting updates to the site. Thanks to all for your gifts and contributions of skill.

**Anyone interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society is encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may contact any member or the President at the return address below, or call him at (715) 364-2216, or our Treasurer, Jackie Plunkett at 363-2417. Her address is 4845 S. County Rd F, Maple, WI 54854. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable at the time of our annual meeting. Higher levels of support are always welcome.**

**New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!**

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