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JULY MEETING

Our next meeting will be held at the Minerva Town Hall at 7:30 PM on July 30th. A very interesting program is being planned by Mrs. Suzanne Reed of Schenectady whose mother is the former Amber Havron, daughter of James Havron of Minerva. She is descended from the Lynch, Wells, Middleton and Havron families of Minerva. Even though Mrs. Reed is an adopted daughter she is collecting information on these families and is most enthusiastic ancestor hunter. She belongs to the Schenectady Genealogical Society and has learned much about the subject, including finding ancestors in other countries. She has spent considerable time in Minerva with the Town Clerk and the Town Historian. She has consulted Family Bibles and land records and has made family charts which she will show us. Mrs. Reed is such an enthusiastic person that this is sure to be an interesting meeting. She is a former grade teacher in the Schenectady school system and taught there a number of years. --- Dues can also be paid this meeting. ---

APRIL MEETING

Our annual meeting was held on April 30 at the Town Hall. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President - Doris Wells

Vice-president - Mary Maguire

Secretary - Mildred Lynch

Treasurer - Katherine Halloran

The program feature was given by Clarence Jones on "The History of Time Pieces". He went back to the time before clocks were invented when people depended upon the sun, moon, and stars to give them an idea of the time of day or night.

The first clocks were water clocks which were used by the Romans to limit the talks of the speakers in the forum. When the last of the water dripped out, the speaker had to stop. Galileo definitely worked out the principle of the pendulum, but it was fifty years before it was applied to time pieces.

Navigation out of sight of land needed an accurate time piece along with the compass to enable the mariners to be certain of his whereabouts. As necessity is the mother of invention, lured on by the immense rewards offered not only in England, but also Spain, France and Holland, new mechanisms appeared. The verge and foliot preceded the pendulum and then came the balance wheel which made the watch possible.

There were several watches and clocks as well as watch fobs on display, some going back to the time of the key-winding watch. It was a very interesting meeting.



"A PATRIOT'S DINNER"



PLUMP CHICKEN INN TO AGAIN ROAST!

On August 24th, a public dinner will be served at the "Plump Chicken Inn" at the same location - Minerva Central School.

As part of the on-going Bicentennial Celebration, now in its third year, we will be honoring the early American patriots and the Thirteen Original Colonies. The menu and entertainment will reflect our early history.

Tickets may be obtained in advance from Mrs. Patrick McNally, Olmstedville, N. Y., 12857 and will be the same price as last year, \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under twelve. Serving is to start at 5:00 P.M. and will continue until all are served.

If you cannot make the dinner, but would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of entertainment, decorations, etc., you may send your check to Mrs. McNally.

The Bicentennial Committee appreciates all the help given them in the past, and now with the enthusiasm accelerating towards 1976, they look forward to your continued encouragement and participation.

IDEAS WANTED

More on the Bicentennial - If you have an idea that could be used for a permanent type float to be used in local parades, send it to Mrs. Patricia Hewitt, Olmstedville, N. Y., 12857.

The Bicentennial Committee would like to build a float that could be stored, but with a minimum of effort and time be ready to roll when the need arises. The theme should be representative of any era of local or national history.

BICENTENNIAL QUIZ

Answers to April questions - Benjamin Franklin said all of them.

JULY QUESTIONS

1. Who said it? "One single act of Parliament has set the people a-thinking in six months more than they had done in their whole lives before."
2. Name three results of the Stamp Act.
3. What were some of the actions of The Sons of Liberty?
4. Who was "Champagne Charley" Townshend?
5. What were the Townshend Acts?

TODAY'S NEWS - TOMORROW'S HISTORY
NEW FIRE HOUSE

Until recently the fire equipment of the village of Minerva was stored in the basement of the Town Hall. This is no longer true, as on May 13, 1974 all equipment was moved to the building which had previously been bought by the fire department. It is located on Route 28-N, near the former Tallman home. It is the garage which was operated for a time by Daniel Tallman. It is much more accessible than the space previously used and has a large parking area.

Part of the fire equipment of the Town of Minerva is stored in the fire house in the Village of Olmstedville and each village of the Town has a fire siren.

LIBRARY

The Men's Civic League dedicated the new Minerva library on Saturday, June 29th, 1974. It is located in a trailer near the new Fire Department building. Members of the League who have assisted in the project are Charles LaBar, Don Dubay, Jack Mullane, Lee Murdie, Ed Mangine, Harry Raymond, Frank Denchick and William Ugone.

The committee establishing rules for the facility includes Andrew Halloran, Bob Savarie, Larry Cummings, Jack Mullane and William Ugone.

Among those sorting, marking and categorizing the books were Joyce Mangine, Lucy Mullane, Donna Morrison, Jack Mullane and Jerry Cummings. Books have been donated by the people of the town.

GIFTS

John Mullane recently gave us portions of two newspapers - one, The Morning Star of Glens Falls for Thursday, May 26, 1898, and the other The Adirondack Gazette of Port Henry for Dec. 31, 1896. The latter is labeled Vol. I, No. 1 and the portion of the paper which would give us the name of the editor is missing. Apparently, he was looking for things in the county to criticize especially the governing body of each town. One article is called "Max Riddell Moriah" and another "Tribulations of Ti, Quadrupling the cost of the Chilson Hill Road". Under a column of briefs called "The Kinetoscope" is this, "Citizens of any town in Essex County having grievances against town or county administrations are cordially invited to communicate with The Gazette." Another says, "The Watchdogs of the County Treasury have looted its coffers in great shape at the last session of the Board of Supervisors. We will 'turn on the light' in our next issue."

One of the ads in this paper reads: "C. A. Lapoint, Port Henry's Leading Tonsorial Artist. Ladies and children's hair dressing and shampoos a specialty."

"The Morning Star" of Glens Falls had been running for some time as this issue is Vol. XXX, No. 125. Most of the items have to do with the Spanish-American War, one being President McKinley's call for 75,000 volunteers for the army.

1863 NEWS

In looking over some old records saved in the Jones household, we came across a copy of the Mohawk Valley Register for March 12, 1863. It probably came to Minerva in 1911 when Katherine Eisenlord of Ft. Plain, N. Y. came to spend her last days with her niece, Annie Jones. She died in 1921, at the age of 94.

Here are a couple of items from the paper: "Nicholas Longworth, the celebrated wine grower who died recently in Cincinnati, used to pay \$19,000 a year tax. His wealth was derived mainly from the advance of real estate in Cincinnati. He was noted for unostentatious charities, one instance of which was his giving out to the poor 400 loaves of bread per week for many years. On one occasion, wishing to increase the size of the loaves, but not the cost, he proposed to distribute loaves that had a portion of rye or Indian corn in them; but the recipients of his bounty struck against this, and Mr. Longworth was compelled to distribute only loaves of white wheaten flour."

"Save the Valuable Paper - Now that such urgent calls are being made by those interested in supplying stock for the manufacture of paper, including old papers of every description, there is great danger that it will lead to the destruction of much valuable material which cannot be replaced. A gentleman residing in Woodstock, N. H. who has been so thoughtful as to remind us of the spoliation in progress in the midst of the fever created by the paper famine, says in a private note that he recently found in the shop of a buyer of that place many newspapers of 20 to 50 years of age, old pamphlets, etc. with a curious old music book published in 1771, containing memorandum notes pertaining to the Revolutionary war, written therein. Some means should be devised to rescue from such wholesale destruction, whatever may be found to be of interest in the collections of paper material, and that immediately or it will be too late."

"Shinplasters - Owing to destitution of specie we had become inundated with Shinplasters, which were a perplexity to business men in their attempts of assorting. So much foreign stuff got mixed with our home issues, that it was a question whether the system of emitting them at all, was not a nuisance as well as a bore. But we are having a better currency now. The Fort Plain bank is giving us and paying out all the Postage currency needed. Consequently, Shinplasters are fast retiring from circulation. Very soon, like departed spirits, we will only remember them among the things of the past."

(Shinplaster was the nickname given to small notes and issued by private banks during the depression of 1837.)

PEOPLE

Harry Freund

Harry Freund was born in Galveston, Texas, on December 25, 1888. On September 8, 1900 that city was visited by a West Indian hurricane which flooded it to a depth of from four to twenty feet and caused a loss of at least 6000 people along with tremendous property damage. Deaths were caused partly by the slabs of slate roofing which flew off house tops and pierced people in their backs or half cut off their heads. Ships in the harbor were torn about among the floating houses.

Harry Freund lost both of his parents and his sister in this disaster. He was saved only by the fact that he was sent to a store which stood on ground higher than his home. Thus was he left an orphan at the age of eleven to face life alone. Conditions in the city were unimaginable. "There was no way to build a fire, no way to cook a meal, and no water to drink. Into this wrecked city came Clarissa Harlowe Barton, a 79 year old woman, who announced that she was setting up a tent kitchen to serve coffee and soup to the hungry people. Later, a grateful world would remember Clara Barton as the founder of the American Red Cross." (Grit - August 27, 1967.)

Fortunately for Harry, a neighbor who had escaped death took an interest in him and offered to pay his way to New York, as that was where he wished to go, having been there once with his parents. Since no one was allowed to leave the city for a month, Harry spent much of that time on a boat which was to sail for New York after the month had elapsed.

In New York the boat was met by a couple who were looking for a boy to live with them. Harry accepted and soon found himself chief cook and bottle washer, as the man and his wife both worked. However, he was allowed to attend school and he made the acquaintance of other boys his own age.

Upon leaving there he had various experiences working in grocery stores and hotels, after which he worked for a steamship company plying between New York and South Hampton, England, and then New York and Cuba and Mexico. On one of these trips to Veracruz, Mexico, Harry had the unusual experience of serving as "milk maid" even though he was employed as quartermaster on the ship. At that time shipping companies were willing to take almost any kind of cargo along with the passengers. On this particular trip twelve pure bred cows were a part of the cargo and, in some way, the two men who were to care for the cows were left behind when the ship sailed. Since Harry was the only person aboard who knew how to milk cows, he was relieved of his regular duties and was assigned the task of milking the twelve cows night and morning and caring for the milk. This may have been the only sea voyage on which the passengers received fresh milk and cream at every meal if they wished.

Harry Freund later became interested in railroading and spent the rest of his working years at that occupation. He was with the Lehigh Valley for five years before transferring to the New Jersey Central where he worked for over forty-two years. He had many interesting experiences which are well worth listening to and has the distinction of never having had an accident on his run. He gave extra time by having young men come to his home for instruction as engineers and each one passed his test the first time he tried. He twice piloted the private train of President Franklin Roosevelt.

Following is the informative letter written to him upon his retirement by the President of the Railroad:

The Central Railroad Company of New Jersey

April 28, 1954

Mr. Harry J. Freund
% Mrs. Jennie Jones
Minerva, Essex County, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Freund:

I want to be among the first of your many friends to extend heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon your honorable retirement from active duty with the Jersey Central Lines on Friday April 23. May the coming years bring you happiness and good health in the fullest measure.

Your contribution of 42-1/4 years of service as Sheet Metal Worker Helper, Locomotive fireman, Traveling Fireman, and Locomotive Engineer, lastly assigned to trains 816-827, marks the climax of a long and faithful railroad career, one which you may review with pride. Particularly complimentary was a letter in your jacket commending you for giving instruction on your own time to Firemen preparing themselves to qualify as Engineers. In this connection, I understand that a testimonial dinner was given in your honor on April 22 by some 85 Engineers, many of whom you personally instructed. This certainly speaks well of the high esteem in which you are held. We shall miss you, and I do wish that we had more men of your caliber working for our company.

All of us are proud to have had you as a member of the Big Little Railroad Family, and hope that you will always regard yourself as one of the boys. Further, that throughout your retirement you will promote the best interest of the Jersey Central Lines. To keep you informed as to its activities, I am arranging to have the "Coupler" magazine mailed to your home.

In recognition of your faithful service, a testimonial dinner will be given in your honor during the early Fall. Invitation will be extended to you by our Veteran Employees Association well in advance in order that you may make plans accordingly.

Sincerely,

/s/ E. T. Moore, Pres.

Harry Freund married on January 28, 1909, Louise Walle and they lived in Jersey City, N. J. They had three children, the first one of whom died during his first year. The second was a daughter Alice, who married Henry Aberle, who died in 1969. The third was a son, Harry, Jr., who was killed by a truck at the age of seven as he was on his way to school. There are two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The former are Bob and Betty Aberle. Bob served in South Vietnam and was a technician in the War Information Service when he received his honorable discharge. He returned home and married his former sweetheart. They have their own home in Bricktown, N. J. where he works for the New Jersey Telephone Company installing home phones.

Betty Aberle married Dean Connolly and they live in Miami, Florida, where he is a college Dean and Betty teaches school. They have two boys, Christopher and John.

Harry and Louise Freund first began coming to Minerva in 1944 when they came with her uncle, Jacob Stutter of Jamaica, L. I. They spent vacations at the home of Jennie Jones in Minerva for the next ten years. When he retired in 1954, they rented an apartment in Minerva while their new home was being built.

Mrs. Freund died in 1962 and he lives alone in his very neat, well kept little home in Minerva. In his basement he has a shop where he builds bird houses for his neighbors and helps them with their repair jobs. There he also has the number plate from his last steam locomotive when it was dismantled to make way for the modern Diesel, and pictures of engines of all eras. There he lives cheerfully in both the past and the present.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Warrensburg News, March 21, 1895 - copied by Alice Switzer -

Editorial page - Of the 12,005 school houses in New York State, 31 are log, 10,075 frame, 1,583 brick and stone. It will be seen the number of log school houses is gradually decreasing. In a few years this highly interesting and once exceedingly practical educational institution, now a rare relic of pioneer days, will be entirely obliterated.

Warrensburg News, June 10, 1895

Editorial re: Income Tax - There is yet a chance that the income tax may yet be defeated. It cannot be carried into effect without an appropriation to defray the expense of collection and there is a strong fight being made to prevent any money being used for such a purpose.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Mar. 2, 1874

The Night Andrew Was Born

by Clarence Jones

Winter had shown no sign of giving way to spring. The Joneses had their logs all in and were now poised for sugaring whenever the weather should approve. They were then living in the house now occupied by the Morehouse family. Besides Grandmother and Grandfather Byron (Byde) and their children - David, Hollis, Jennie, Calantha and Norman, there was Byde's younger brother, Freeman (Freem), Laura (always pronounced Lauric), and son-in-law Lorenzo Gates. (His was the only name that didn't get nicked). Jorden and Hannah Smith, the other daughter and son-in-law, were there too but, while he was a part of the lumbering crew, they were now living in their own home, the present Lester Pelletier home. They had come up for the occasion for no one ever knew just what assistance might be needed.

Yes, as the afternoon wore on it was evident this was the day for "the event". However, it wore on into evening and night and Laurie was making very little progress. Of course, no doctor had been engaged. Child birth was normal, not a sickness. The tense air of expectancy was taking on a tinge of anxiety, and in turn, fear, and then more like panic. This was not normal childbirth. A doctor was needed, and the nearest doctor was in Chestertown. Jerd had been driving the horses all winter and he was the one delegated to go.

Now the Jones horses were Nancy and John Henry. Nancy was quite a bit heavier, chubbier. She usually got the stone boat work and the cultivating. John Henry was slimmer, maybe a bit nimbler on his feet and he, naturally, got the road work. No time was lost making a choice, and Henry was hitched to the cutter and Jerd took off with instructions to hurry. He was well aware of the urgency, but John Henry was not. He never was asked to shift into second until up on the level beyond Hussenbee's, and tonight Jerd was demanding speed before he had gotten out of the barnyard. Oh, well, he didn't mind. He had been grained all winter, had had a few days of inactivity and the cold air had an invigorating effect. He was hitting a good sprightly gait down past Anson West's and - what! No let-up here? Up past Dunlap House's down past Powers'. Oh, perhaps a bit of caution going down the Pound Hill, but still hurry, hurry. At the mill hill Jerd chose the lower road around by the tannery ruins. After all, a kettle bail is no longer than a team. After passing the lower four corners, John Henry was allowed a breather, but Jerd was uneasy. He demanded that John Henry hurry even while walking.

Meanwhile, what was going on at home? The very decision to do something must have had results. Soon normally was restored and the baby was being born all right. Everyone shared the relief and now - what to do about the doctor? "Freem, couldn't you go and head off the doctor? It would save him a trip clear up here." Without waiting to answer, Freem grabbed cap and coat and mittens and ran to the barn. Nancy's blanket was stripped off, a bridle put on and a line tied to the bit rings. He closed the stable door behind him, led Nancy out at a trot and with a bound was on her back.

Now Freeman, as a youth, had had polio. One of the right arm muscles had been useless after that, but he had a grip like a vise. He drove with that hand, but there was nothing wrong with the other arm and that was swinging the ends of the lines and bringing them down with force.

Freem had other ideas than just heading off the doctor. As he passed the lower corners of what was now called "Olmstedville" he could see a blur in the moonlight up by Tom Shaw's. He had a regular foghorn of a voice and Jerd's deafness had not become very noticeable yet. Jerd listened. Yes, he heard it again and stopped. "When Freem got nearer he called, 'Wait, Jerd. You don't have to go. Laurie is all right. We don't need the doctor.'" There was a deep grunt of relief. John Henry was unhitched, the cutter pushed up the bank, both horses were led by and John Henry again hitched, now headed homeward. Freem removed the lines from Nancy's bridle and tossed it into the cutter and both men got in, leaving Nancy to follow.

The return was leisurely. The horses, wringing wet, dried off slowly. At the Pound Hill both men hopped out and walked. John Henry needn't draw them up the hill, and then too, they were getting chilly. Arriving home the horses were stabled and blanketed all snug and comfy and the men went to the house to hear the reports. "Mother and child all O.K." Hanner had stirred up a batch of biscuits and everybody had hot biscuits and honey before going to bed.

1. Francis Hesselback lived in what became the Lynch home and is now owned by Esther Lynch Sheridan, next door to her sister Grace O'Connor.
2. Anson West lived in the later Herbert Mitchell home which burned about 1950 - across from where Herbert now lives.
3. The Dunlap House was the present home of Hazel and Harry Morse. It was run by Elmer Dunlap as a hotel.
4. The Pound Hill is the present Kelly Hill. Mark Powers, grandfather of Kathleen Dever, then lived where Roger Kelly does now but it was still known to many as Pound Hill. William Wells had lived near the foot of the hill and had a "pound" where stray animals could be kept until redeemed by their owners. William was the great, great, great grandfather of Laurel Wells.

5. Tannery ruins - The Tannery burned in 1869.
 6. Thomas Shaw lived in the home which until recently was owned by Norman Person. Thomas was the grandfather of Bessie Sullivan and Lillian Summer.
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THE ADIRONDACK NEWS

A number of years ago the late Leslie Rist of Newcomb loaned us several copies of the Adirondack News, a paper put out by Washington Chase of Newcomb, son of Daniel Cheney Chase and Mahinda Bissell Chase. This couple came to Newcomb in 1843 from New Hampshire and Vermont. They had eight children, several of whom were named for famous men such as Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and Judson.

The Adirondack News was published every Friday at Newcomb, the price being one dollar if paid in advance and \$1.50 if not paid in advance. It was started in Jan. 1893, but the earliest one we have seen came out in Sept. of that year. There was much national news as well as local. An article of March 1894 states "W. B. Muller of Omaha says that the eight hour day would bring about increased consumption, a vaster display of productive activity, a higher intellectual and moral development of the toiler and a wider demand for the more artistic products of our factories and workshops. It would stimulate inventive genius, develop better and render civilization and bring about an almost fabulous increase of national prosperity and wealth. The general struggle for a reduction of the hours of labor is a struggle for a better civilization, a struggle for willing hands who should be employed."

Another article states, "The annual production of wealth in the U.S. is about \$50,000,000,000 per year or a little less than \$1000 per head of our population, which would give to the average family of five \$5000 per year; but according to the U.S. census, the average income of the American workman, family or no family, is less than \$300 per year."

Here are a few local news items:

Forest fires are doing much damage in the woods as usual.

Bicycle and velocipede riding appears to occupy the leisure time of many people at present.

The following is from Long Lake, Feb. 5, 1894:

The G.A.R. boys had their annual meeting last evening for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. After the business meeting they went to the home of Josiah Houghton and had an oyster supper. The pastor here wishes to thank them for a barrel of flour presented to him that evening.

There is a paper going around for the purpose of raising money to support preaching for the coming year. About \$200 has been raised.

Schroon Lake - Nov. 31, 1893 -

No school here for the past three weeks because of diphtheria. There are still six cases of that dread disease in our midst.

Professor Brodish made a trip of over 200 miles last week on his wheel, 54 miles being the longest run in one day.

C. T. Leland and several of his men are in New York with some 60 horses from the stock farm. They will be away about two weeks

On general interest are the following items:

Peary's Expedition - St. John's N.F. - Lieut. Peary's arctic steamer "Falcon" arrived here yesterday. She left Peary with his party all well at the head of Bowdoin Bay, North Greenland, Aug. 20. Peary had at the time 80 dogs, 20 tons of walrus meat and 11 deer on hand.

Key Winding Watches - have been so thoroughly out of date for nearly ten years past that it is now difficult to sell them for one-tenth of their original cost, no matter how well made they may be. Watch dealers will allow for them in exchange little more than the silver or gold in the case, not with the idea of selling them, but rather to keep them on hand for lending to customers while their own watches are mending.

MORE ABOUT THE EVANS FAMILY

More information keeps coming to light about the Evans family through the efforts of Betty Kneip who is a descendant. Betty is working toward another college degree and a career in teaching history - all brought on by her recently aroused interest in family history. During the past winter she submitted to her professor a paper on the genealogy of her family and received an excellent grade.

The first ones of the Evans family who came to Minerva were Robert and his second wife, Mary Gregg, and his two sons William and Richard, who were 23 and 19 years of age when they came to Minerva in 1835. Robert Evans bought 160 acres of land extending from 14th Road to the hotel property - all on the west side of the highway. In 1840 the son Richard married Cynthia West, daughter of Nathan and Martha West, who owned a corresponding strip of land on the east side of the highway.

Richard and Cynthia had ten children - eight sons and two daughters. Betty Kneip has sent us the following material:

RICHARD EVANS, Jr. and THE CIVIL WAR
(continued)

In the January 1972 issue of the Minerva Quarterly we mentioned young Richard Evans as a veteran of the Civil War whose record we were not aware of until his granddaughter obtained his official papers from Washington, D.C. and sent them to us. We noted in this article the age discrepancy between family records, which indicated he was barely 19 when he enlisted, and his enlistment document which said age 21. We also mentioned that he was paid an astonishingly low bounty of \$33 by the Union Army.

The details of this interesting story only came to light recently when his granddaughter, Elizabeth Evans Kneip, visited his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Doffing of Wabash, Minnesota.

Mrs. Doffing says her father told her that his real age, 19, was too well known in the Minerva area for him to enlist there. He would have received a much lower bounty than older enlistees. So he wrote "21" on the sole of his boot with a piece of chalk, and went to Troy to enlist, where he received \$1,000 from a sympathizer. She adds that this was the only dishonest thing he ever did in his 90 years of life.

His grandson, Dr. Richard Evans III (actually the 4th Richard Evans in a direct line of descendency) has his discharge medal, and Dr. Evans' brother Robert has the large American flag which draped his casket. He flies this flag on national holidays from a tall flagpole in front of his lakeshore home near Minneapolis. They are Mrs. Kneip's brothers.

OBITUARY OF ALANSON G. EVANS
brother of Richard, Jr.

It is with a feeling of deep regret and sadness that we chronicle the death of Alanson G. Evans, another one of the pioneers of North Dakota and our community.

Early in the morning of April 4th, 1919, his soul was called above to the Father's Home after suffering for over seventeen years.

He was the son of Richard and Cynthia Evans and was born at Minerva, New York, March 26th, 1854, and had just passed his 64th birthday when he passed away. He received his education in the school of his native town and in 1875 entered the mercantile business with his brother, Norman. In 1879 he removed to Dover, Minn., where they continued business for three years. In 1881 he came to Lisbon where he made his home until his demise and was an honored and much-loved citizen, and where he was a merchant for some twelve years, when his store burned and he became partially an accident which made him an invalid. The park was greatly built up by him as he fixed up a great many dwelling places in that part of town. He was a public-spirited man thinking always of the welfare of his community.

In early manhood he united with the Baptist church of Minerva, N.Y., and later with the First Presbyterian church of Lisbon. He lived a consistent and an exemplary Christian life. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, a Knight Templar, also a member of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen.

On Sunday afternoon a short prayer service was held at the house at 2:00 P.M. before departing for the church which only immediate members of the family and a few intimate friends attended.

The funeral service was held at the First Presbyterian church at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. H. N. Poston officiating. The profusion of flowers on the casket and about the church bore silent testimony of the love and esteem borne this departed friend.

His remains were laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery beside his son, Harold, there to await the resurrection morning. Those from out of town who attended the funeral were his brother, Frank Evans of Fergus Falls, Minn., Walter Evans of Dover, Minn., and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Norman Evans, of Waseca, Minn.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and daughter to which the Gazette extends sympathy in this their hour of grief.

A PERFECT DAY

Grandmother, on a winter's day, milked the cows, and fed them hay, slopped the hogs, saddled the mule, and got the children off to school; did a washing, mopped the floors, washed the windows, and did some chores; cooked a dish of home-dried fruit, pressed her husband's Sunday suit, swept the parlor, made the bed, baked a dozen loaves of bread, split some firewood and lugged in enough to fill the kitchen bin; cleaned the lamps and put in oil, stewed some apples she thought would spoil; churned the butter, baked a cake, then exclaimed, "For heaven's sake, the calves have got out of the pen," went out and chased them in again; gathered the eggs and locked the stable, back to the house and set the table, cooked a supper that was delicious, and afterward washed up all the dishes; fed the cat and sprinkled the clothes, mended a basketful of hose, then opened the organ and began to play, "when you come to the end of a perfect day."

The 17th century colonists brought over many superstitions from the homeland. Some wore about marriages. Nothing except shoes should be worn, touched, or eaten on the wedding day. For the favorite color is green, and they resent human use of it. At weddings the bride's right shoe should be thrown from the head of the stairs among the unmarried guests. The one who catches it will be first wed. To find who her husband would be, a girl went to a graveyard, plucked a sprig of yarrow, and put it under her pillow. She would then dream of her future husband.

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