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# Price County Historical Society Newsletter

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## Welcome to the Autumn Edition of the Price County Historical Society's Newsletter!

The Board of the Price County Historical Society (PCHS) is pleased to report that we have concluded another successful season. Our attendance has been steady, with many new and out-of town visitors making the effort to see what's in the Old Town Hall and Greenfield School. Both buildings look as sharp as ever both inside and out and present a very inviting appearance of which ALL PCHS members can be very proud. New displays have been placed in the museum along with the standard displays, creating interest for both the new visitor and returning visitors.

Our summer fund-raisers the Afternoon at the Museum Pie Social in June and the Afternoon at the Museum Strawberry Shortcake and Flea Market in August, were both highly successful, and brought in much appreciated financial support for the ongoing projects at both museums.

And to what or whom can we credit this success? Well, it all boils down to people. The people who volunteer to work the events, prepare the food, prepare the museum, and set up and clean up after



Enjoying A  
Summer After-  
noon at the Mu-  
seum L-R  
Kathy Beard  
Lorraine (Laurie)  
Pilch, Liz  
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it's all done, The people who decide they want to stop in and have some refreshing and delicious food and our members whose dues and support are essential to the existence of the museums. A hearty thank you to each and every one who helped make these events a success and our Society a thriving organization!

Our next events of the year are the Chili Supper at the Fifield Town Hall on October 15 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and our Annual Meeting, on October 27 at 1 p.m. in the Fred Smith Studio at the Wisconsin Concrete Park, south of Phillips. Our Annual Meeting will feature a presentation by PCHS member Dale Heikkinen, of Prentice. Dale will be presenting a slide show on the transformation of the log handling processes pioneered by his father Leo. It promises to be another interesting afternoon of Price County history! Plan to attend both of these events!

## North Woods Ingenuity and the Advent of the Modern Logging Industry: Inventors and Innovators Heikkinen, Drott, and the Transformation of Logging and earth Moving Methods and Equipment.

By : John L. Berg

This autumn issue of the PCHS Newsletter returns to a topic often seen over the recent years: logging and wood production. Wood built Price County, and today continues to generate a significant portion of the county's revenue. Material handling has always been foremost in the minds of those entrepreneurs who sought to extract natural resources and transport them to markets for sale. Maximizing efficient performance and minimizing cost of both equipment operation and labor presents opportunity to maximize profit. The past 150 years has been a time of technological transformation of logging from human, animal, and steam power to the power of the internal combustion engine and hydraulics. What is striking about this transformation are the innovations and inventions by the loggers themselves. Having cut their eye teeth working with primitive and basic equipment and technology, these individuals applied their varying levels of formal education with experience in the woods, blacksmith shops, and machine shops to develop the modern methods by which logs were moved from the woods to the mills.

This year's Annual Meeting, on October 27 at 1 p.m. in the Fred Smith Studio at the Wisconsin Concrete Park south of Phillips, will feature a

presentation by PCHS member Dale Heikkinen, of Prentice. Dale's father Leo Heikkinen, was instrumental in the development of the hydraulic knuckleboom loader, now the essential piece of equipment on logging trucks you and I see almost daily traveling Highway 13. A little earlier than Leo, another northerner, E.A. [Ed] Drott from Butternut, was also working out solutions to material handling for loggers and road builders as well. These two north woods inventors and innovators were at the forefront of the transformation from early logging and material handling practices to the modern equipment.

But before Leo Heikkinen invented his revolutionary system there were the lands eventually surveyed to comprise Price County, covered with profuse stands of evergreen and deciduous trees that attracted the interest of entrepreneurs seeking to exploit the abundant resource. Common practice by the first loggers involved identifying the stands to be cut and then setting up camps in the woods to house and feed the loggers. Transportation was by foot or horse-drawn wagons to the camp and then the hike out to the stand. The work was done by human, animal, and water power to cut and transport logs to the lakes, rivers and streams for their transportation to the saw mills. John Vogel describes some of the "folk technology" applied to the construction of the dams built to impound water for spring log drives in the Chippewa River watershed in his history of Round Lake Logging Dam written for the U.S. D. A. Forest Service in 1980.



Authorized for construction by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 1880, the Musser Lumber Company's dam on the Big Elk River in the Town of Worcester east of Phillips, is the scene of a spring log drive, ca. 1895-1900. The young men working on sluicing the logs through the dam and driving them down the Big Elk were called "river pigs." The "river pig" uses his pike pole to position logs to sluice through the dam's gates, while his partners are busy working the logs through the gates, while other "river pigs" in the foreground are working on a boom which helps guide the logs through the holding pond toward the gates of the dam. Photographs are from the Louise Foster Zorn Collection.



In this scene a team of horses and their crew are loading the sleigh for the Roddis Lumber and Veneer Company in the woods of Southern Ashland County. The jammer boom is of the swivel type invented by E.A. "Ed" Drott. The team of horses on the left are used as a snatch team to double head with the other team and pull the loaded sleigh over the hills. PCHS P7S1060

As the prime white pine in close proximity to waterways was cut the loggers ventured further inland resulting in longer sleigh hauls over increasingly rougher terrain. Coupled with periods of infrequent snows in the winter and rains in the early spring, these remote stands forced the loggers to use the steam railroad locomotive and build railroads into the woods to tap the rich, but remote, white pine, and later the hardwood trees. By the era of the First World War, the quiet sounds of horse, oxen, and men working the woods was overshadowed by the chugging and whistles of steam powered traction and railroad locomotives and jammers all employed in the herculean effort to move logs from the woods to the saw mill.

### Steam Takes Over from Animal and Man Power

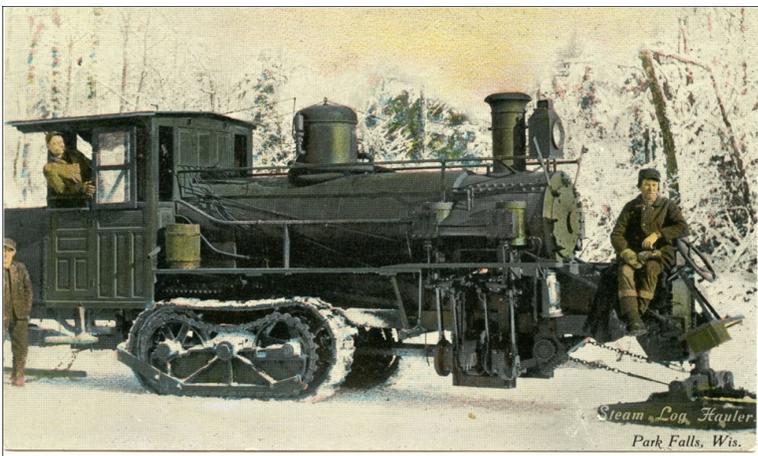


In this photograph taken during the winter of 1914, and about 20 miles east of Phillips in the Town of Emery, William Leiserson, second from left, was investigating conditions in Wisconsin lumber camps. He is posing with LS&ERR Locomotive Number 80, engineer Rudolf Kieble (fifth from left), the fireman and brakeman next to him, along with the Clyde Iron Works Decker jammer and loading crews. William Ehmke, the father of Luella Cory (who is Mary Lou Nicholl's mother) stands in the front row to the far right on the base of the locomotive's pilot. S.A Johnson Photograph. Collection of John L. Berg, courtesy of Mary Lou and Tom Nicholls.

This locomotive was built by the Lima Locomotive Works for the New Dells Lumber Company, construction Number 2469, built 1-23-1912; standard gauge; 3 cylinders with 10" x 10" bore & stroke; 29" drivers, 42 ton weight. Engineer John Burgmeier proudly poses with the newly delivered Lima Shay Number 3 near the camps of the New Dells Lumber Company near Kennedy in western Price County, Wisconsin, in 1912. S.A. Johnson (of Phillips, Price County, Wisconsin), was probably the photographer who took this picture. (Price County Historical Society, William Burgmeier Collection). Data is from Michael Koch's *Shay Locomotive, Titan of the Timber* (Denver: World Wide Press, 1970), on page 438, Construction List.



Producing his first “steam hauler” in 1900, Alvin O. Lombard, of Waterville, Maine, developed and patented a workable drivetrain and transmission with the crawler endless track. Using a steam locomotive boiler and pistons, by 1901 his Lombard Steam Hauler gained popularity with the loggers for its power and was the turning point in the development of heavy equipment. In 1903 the Phoenix Manufacturing Company, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, acquired a lease on Lombard’s crawler track patent and began producing its version of the steam hauler. The Phoenix machine had noticeable differences from the Lombard in that the boiler was mounted on a water tank that was built on the frame. The Phoenix Steam Hauler also had two vertical steam pistons mounted on each side to power the tracks, a system similar to the Shay patent steam railroad locomotive. For those interested in seeing a Phoenix Log hauler, one is on display at the Rhinelander Logging Museum and another in the village of Wabeno in Forest County. The Phoenix in Wabeno has been restored to operation and is run each July during their “Steam-Up Days” celebration. These two comprise a select group of an estimated 6 survivors out of the couple hundred manufactured.



This Phoenix Manufacturing Company Steam Hauler was purchased by the Hines Hardwood and Hemlock Company of Park Falls, Wisconsin. The crew proudly poses with the Steam Hauler near the camps of the Company near Kennedy in eastern Sawyer County, Wisconsin. Price County Historical Society, Irene (Gehrke) Hintz Collection.

Still, the steam engine, for all its fascinating mechanical and romantic beauty requires significant maintenance and attention, as well as a crew to operate it. Thus, almost simultaneously to Lombard the Phoenix companies, Californian machinists Daniel Best and Benjamin Holt began using the steam locomotive engine for propelling a traction vehicle on the crawler’s endless track. These two men began their production of the crawler tracked locomotives but by 1908 after some legal acrimony, they agreed to merge their companies. It is noted that Ben Holt did not invent the crawler track system, but it was he who refined Lombard’s patent and perfected the belted crawler track system. While taking a series of photographs of Holt’s prototype for the Holt Manufacturing Company, photographer Charles Clements commented on the action of the crawler treads

moving like that of a caterpillar, and the nickname stuck. In 1910, “Caterpillar” was officially registered as a Holt trademark. In 1906 Holt began development of his own gasoline powered engine for use with the belted crawler track system. He sold his first unit in 1908 to a farmer near San Leandro, California, the base of Holt’s manufacturing. This success led to manufacturing expansion to a factory in Peoria, Illinois in 1909. The agricultural market of the Midwest was the obvious location for the use of the Holt tractor. Soon the Holt tractors were seen not only plowing fields and pulling harvesting combines, but also pulling road graders and in the north, sleighs of logs. However, in 1910, Clarence Leo Best, Daniel’s son who was employed by Holt, decided to leave and start his own tractor company, the C.L. Best Gas Traction Company. Best’s tractors, dubbed

the “Tracklayer” soon proved every bit the equal to Holt’s machines; the Best Tracklayer 60 was so reliable and extremely tough it truly became the “Best” money could buy!

World War 1 cemented Holt’s national and international renown as his gasoline tractors pulled heavy artillery through the muddy, shell hole-pocked terrain at the front for Great Britain. The Holt tractors were put to heavy use as well when the United States entered the conflict. War is often the mother of invention, and by its end, Holt engineers refined the tractor body and frame into a more compact unit giving Holt’s tractor the look it basically retains in today’s modern track-type bulldozers. Especially popular was the 10-Ton Holt Tractor, but orders were cancelled upon the war’s end. The surplus machines were donated to the Bureau of Public Roads, which shipped them to towns and counties throughout the United States; those machines not shipped were sold for pennies on the dollar. Neither Best’s nor Holt’s companies could endure this downturn in demand brought by the flood of surplus machines. The two companies once again merged creating the Caterpillar Tractor Company on April 15, 1925.

In the 1920s, Fred Benz is the operator in the cab and the crew proudly poses with this Holt 10 Ton Caterpillar tractor owned by the New Dells Lumber Company as it prepares to haul a train of sleighs near Kennedy, Wisconsin. It is highly probable that this Caterpillar tractor was purchased through Ed Drott’s Holt Dealership in Butternut, Wisconsin. Courtesy of the Butternut Area Historical Society Archives Butternut, Wisconsin.



E.A. “Ed” Drott was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin in 1887, and spent his early years in Ashland. By age 15 young Drott was working full time in the woods for Roddis Lumber and Veneer Company out of Park Falls; he had married and been promoted to Walking Boss by age 18. According to the memoir of his son, Milton, Ed Drott was a young man intensely interested in mechanical operations and processes and the applications to making work less dangerous while increasing efficiency. His work in the woods led him to tinker with efficiencies in log loading and sleigh hauling to increase the volume hauled and lessen the manual labor involved. One adaptation Drott de-

vised was a two-horse jammer where one horse pulled the main lift cable holding the log to loading height and a second horse pulled the swivel-loading boom over the sleigh to unload the log and return it to grapple the next log. This system presaged the knuckleboom system Leo Heikkinen would perfect and patent some 30 years later. As a result of the surplus from the production during World War 1, the Holt Caterpillar tractor was an affordable and efficient alternative to the steam hauler and horse and was making its first appearance in the woods of Wisconsin. As Milton remembers it, Drott quickly realized this opportunity: ...”think of the economics of the

time, the man cost a dollar a day, the horse cost two dollars a day, plus you had to feed it. So when he [Ed Drott] found that he could pull 12 sleighs at one time with the crawler tractor in the ice tracks, the economics were excellent. Just figure it out. He would eliminate 11 men, 12 teams plus the extra snatch teams which were waiting at the hills to help get the logs over the hill." Drott didn't anticipate the problem of creating a train of sleighs, and so he consulted the blacksmith, August Benz, who designed a coupling system to allow sleighs to hitch together in a train of 11 to 12 sleighs. Seeing the success of this venture, Drott decided it was time to move to town and start selling internal combustion powered vehicles. He decided to sell Holt Caterpillar tractors, incorporating the Drott Tractor Company, but also sold Willy's Overland vehicles. Additionally, Drott ran a blacksmith shop next door to his dealership shop. It soon became apparent that he had to decide which product to focus on, and he decided his future was with the Holt Caterpillar Tractor. Originally Drott was able to procure a Holt Caterpillar dealership for the Ashland County area. He eventually expanded into Price County and then became the Holt dealer throughout the entire region of Wisconsin. Logging was only one application of the Holt Caterpillar, and as Drott expanded throughout the state, he developed new uses in excavation and road building adapting bulldozer blades for ground work. By 1923, Drott pioneered the design of the snow plow based on the agricultural plow that allowed the snow to roll off the moldboard and began the Hi-Way Service Corporation. This led to association with Wausau Iron Works to develop and manufacture the snow plow and incorporation of the Drott Manufacturing Company in 1924. With Drott's acquisition of the Wisconsin dealership, he decided Wausau would be a better location and by 1925 he made the move from Butternut. By 1928 Ed Drott had moved to Milwaukee and established the Drott Tractor Company, selling the Caterpillar tractor with the Drott snow plow system. In the mid-1930s Drott dropped his association with Caterpillar and became a dealer for Allis-Chalmers, selling their track-type crawler tractor with the Drott snowplow system. In 1950 Drott changed once again to the International TD Crawler where they were the sole supplier for the

integral loader attachments. In 1962 Drott expanded into the hydraulic back-hoe excavators by purchasing American rights to the Yumbo back hoe produced by Sicam of France. Drott's success brought the attention of Tenneco Corporation, owners of J.I. Case, also industrial equipment manufacturers. Drott sold to Tenneco in 1968 and was made a division of J.I. Case. Drott Manufacturing Company was sold to Manitowoc Corporation in 2007.



An Allis-Chalmers track-type crawler tractor has been rigged with a flanged snow plow and works the roads near Phillips, Wisconsin, probably in the 1930s or 1940s. Price County Historical Society, Sally McFadyen Collection.

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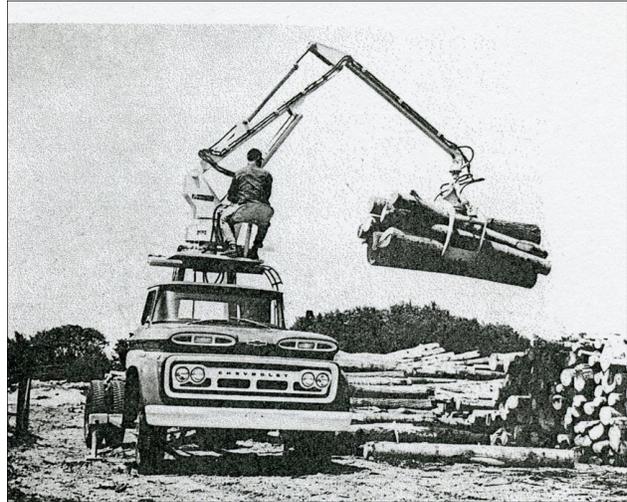
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Ed Drott ran the following advertisement in the Park Falls *Herald* in the period 1919-1928. This sample is from the December 17, 1920 issue.

# Enter Leo Heikkinen... A Brief Introduction...

Leo Heikkinen was born in the Brantwood area 10 miles east of Prentice, and grew up working in the woods and on the farm. Upon reaching adult life, he traveled to Milwaukee to learn and work in the machinist's trade. His natural inclination to tinker and learn machining and operations of machines served him well upon returning to Prentice in the early 1940s, where he open his own shop. Heikkinen's brothers were loggers cutting mostly pulpwood, and their equipment was in constant need of repair. They convinced Leo that he could make a living back home repairing their equipment. Leo decided to make the move and opened up Heikkinen Machine Company in an old creamery on the south side of Prentice. For extra income he also sold chain saws and welders, and repaired a variety of logging equipment as well as welding and machining work. By 1945 Leo was tinkering with developing an effective cable loader mounted on a truck that was an integrated jammer and hauling truck.

Leo's innovations expanded into applying hydraulics to replace cable and patented the knuckleboom system. Eventually his Prentice brand equipment gained nation-wide popularity and expanded beyond use as a log loader. Na-



First Prentice Hydraulic knuckleboom truck mounted loader. Was built in 1959.

tional heavy equipment corporations bought his businesses and, well the rest is history!

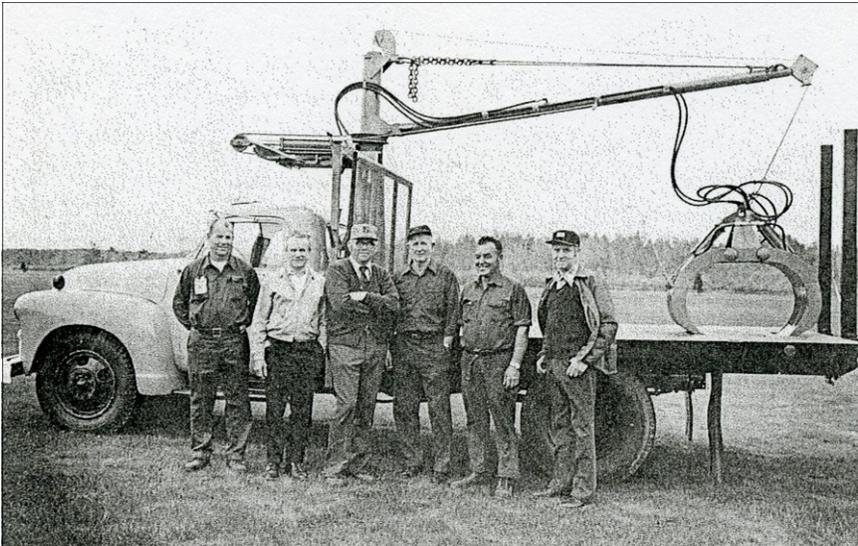
To learn the whole story in detail plan on attending Price County Historical Society's Annual Meeting, on October 27 at 1 p.m. in the Fred Smith Studio at the Wisconsin Concrete Park south of Phillips, to hear a presentation by Dale Heikkinen. Dale's father Leo Heikkinen, was instrumental in the development of the hydraulic knuckleboom loader, now the essential piece of equipment on logging trucks you and I see almost daily traveling Highway 13. Dale has a very interesting and detailed slide presentation which will capture the interest of professional loggers as well as the general public.



The Prentice knuckleboom loader mounted on a yarder. Price County Historical Society, Dale Heikkinen Collection.



The Prentice knuckleboom loader mounted on a skidder. Price County Historical Society, Dale Heikkinen Collection.



The 4th Prentice Hydraulic Loader built was located in Michigan and restored in 1974. Shown from left to right is the original crew who built this machine in 1956: Alvin Swan, Rune Hallberg, Leo Heikkinen, Clarence Ostling, Urho Keskinen and Henry Hinsä.



A 1980s Prentice truck mounted knuckleboom loader. Price County Historical Society, Dale Heikkinen Collection.

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Photographs of the 1947 Heikkinen cable loader and 1959 Heikkinen knuckleboom loader (both on page 315) are from: Hagg, Selma, Nelson, Signe, and Anderson, Betty. *Prentice Centennial Album, 1878-1978*.

## A Piece of Phillips' History Preserved

This summer, in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of the Phillips Fire, Phillips resident and local history buff Blake Anderson donated a very pertinent and interesting artifact to the Price County Historical Society for display at the Old Town Hall Museum. Blake relates the history of this baby buggy:



"The buggy belonged to the Eaton family. It was purchased in the early 1880's and at one time was used for all the Eaton children born up on Eaton's hill the last one being 1902. The day after the Phillips Fire twins were born on Eaton's hill. They were placed in the buggy and used it for 3 days until their parents returned to Phillips to live in a tent city. My grandmother Jeannie Eaton Shell then had the buggy. In 1966 when I was 5 we pushed the buggy together in the 4th of July parade. I got the buggy when she passed in the early 1980's." Thank you Blake, for your interest and foresight in donating this important artifact!

This past spring the Society also received a large donation of artifacts from the Mess family former owners of Price County Telephone Company. We can't thank you enough for your generosity. In addition many other individuals donated artifacts, photographs, made monetary donations volunteered to work our events and made goodies for our bake sales and donated to our flea market. We would like to thank each of them for their contribution to PCHS and their part in preserving the history of Price County.

PCHS had extensive building and ground projects completed in 2019 and the Board would like to recognize and say thank you to the following local contractors who have provided their expertise and craftsmanship to upgrade the structures and grounds: Boom Town Tree Service, Bill's Concrete, Carefee Cleaning & Contracting, Duke Hartmann and Sons, Bill Mallak Construction and Le'Houillier Interiors Inc. We would also like to thank Tom Kaiser for all his diligence in coordinating all the projects that were done this year.

Thank you to our book sellers: Park Falls Ace Hardware, Johnson's Hardware in Phillips and The Park Falls and Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you to our Hosting Coordinators, Etola Foytek (Saturday), Therese and Maureen Trojak (Sunday) and Carol Forward who coordinates hosting for the school and takes such good care of the Greenfield School Museum. Also thank you to Bev Brayton our Community Outreach Coordinator and our contact person on the website.

Last but certainly not least a big thank you to all of our hosts, both at the Old Town Hall and the Greenfield School. We deeply appreciate the time you have put in this season. You make it possible for us to be open every weekend during the summer. Thank You!!!

The Annual Meeting of the Price County Historical Society will be held in the Fred Smith Studio at the Wisconsin Concrete Park N8236 Highway 13 (south of Phillips) on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

Call the Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Memorial Acknowledgements of members deceased since last meeting

Life Members: Marion Kenny, Inez Strombom, Mary Ostling

Individuals Members: Arlyn Kielsmeier, Ed Schrader, Frank Wagner

Names added to the Memorial Board: In memory of: Carl R. Marschke, James Chizek, Edward and Dolores Poetzl, Arlyn Kielsmeier, Mabel Wirsing

Approval of Agenda

Introduction of Board of Directors

Secretary's Report: Minutes of October 21, 2018 Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Current Financial Report for 2019

Committee Reports: Building and Grounds; Newsletter; Photo; Fundraisers/Events; Displays; Membership; Website/facebook; Books

New Business: Election of Directors for three year terms 01-01-2020—12-31-22

Open Forum

Adjournment

Introduction of guest speakers: John Berg, Dale Heikkinen

Presentation: North Woods Ingenuity and the Advent of the Modern Logging Industry: Inventors and Innovators Heikkinen, Drott, and the Transformation of Logging and Earth Moving Methods and Equipment.

Refreshment Served

ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2019

The following Candidates are being presented to the members for election to the Board of Directors of the Price County Historical Society

Peter Dahlie	Three Year Term	Expiring 2022
Eric Tollefson	Three Year Term	Expiring 2022
John Berg	Three Year Term	Expiring 2022

Price County Historical Society Annual Meeting  
Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.  
Fred Smith Studio/Wisconsin Concrete Park-Phillips

President Foytek called the 2018 Annual Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was deferred to the presentation portion of the meeting.

A Moment of Silence was observed in honor of those members departed since our last Annual Meeting: Life Members: Andy Kowalski, Diane Miller and Carl Marschke  
Individual Members: Elmer Sedivy, Joan Ludwig, Russ Kirchmeyer and Pat Heikkinen.

Motion made to approve the Agenda. Dahlie/ Kaiser Carried.

Foytek introduced members of the PCHS Board of Directors and also acknowledged the work and dedication to the Board by Beverly Brayton, Community Outreach Coordinator, Carol Forward, Greenfield School Coordinator and Therese and Maureen Trojak, Sunday Host Coordinators.

Secretary's Report: Annual Meeting minutes of October 29, 2017 were included in newsletter, on website and are available at today's meeting. Motion made to approve the Annual Meeting minutes. Berg/McFadyen Carried.

Treasurers Report: Pilch distributed the treasurer's current report for 2018. Income total \$19,446.57; Expense Total \$19,400.29: Cash on Hand checking and savings \$34,272.21. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report (subject to audit). Dahlie/Berg Carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building and Grounds:** Foytek/Dahlie/Kaiser - Outside entrances and sidewalk area power washed to remove mold. Moldy carpeting in the old office building removed and disposed of. Movable powder coated shelving assembled and in place in storage area behind stage. Boarder around outside sign repaired. Terri Kaiser volunteered her time to maintain all of the flower beds and planters. Renee Prescott volunteered her time and completed the stenciling project in the upstairs auditorium on three walls. Remaining north wall will be done this fall. Interior painting of the downstairs ceiling, hallway and one room complete; remainder of rooms will be painted yet this fall. Priority projects slated for completion in 2018/2019 include: Staining and painting of outside entrances including handicapped area, steps and railings along east side of the Old Town Hall. Resetting of the older bricks by the Fifield School Memorial and installation of the new bricks. Foundation repair of the Old Town Hall along with tree removal on east side of the building. Placement of a park bench or some other type of seating structure on the outside deck of the Greenfield School.

**Newsletter:** Berg-Reviewed editorial and publishing process and invited individuals to contact him regarding stories they may like to submit or newsletter ideas.

**Photo:** Foytek-Photo committee continues work on scanning and compiling a computer inventory of photographs using the Past Perfect software program. In addition, visitors to the museums have helped identify individuals on numerous photographs throughout the summer season. Those identifica-

tions will be updated in our archives and new copies of unidentified photographs will be added to the three ring binders for the 2019 season.

**Fundraisers:** Foytek/Salm - 2018 fundraisers included Spaghetti Dinner in spring, Summer Afternoon at the Museums with Pie Social and Strawberry Short Cake throughout the summer season and Chili Supper in fall. Thrivent gave a donation for food and advertising for the Spaghetti Dinner and Chili Supper. We tried a flea market sale at our Strawberry Short Cake event and it was well received. Area businesses and individuals were also very generous in their donations to the Society. Proceeds from the fundraisers were used for buildings and grounds projects. A grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 was received from Price Electric, which was used for interior painting of the Old Town Hall.

**Displays:** Foytek/McFadyen-New displays included adding several beautiful donated pictures to our Church area. Three new military style mannequins were added to better display our military uniforms on the stage. The Cutter was retrieved from storage and taken upstairs and added to the area that houses the National Christmas Tree display. The glassware exhibit was dismantled and in its place a collection of tiny toys was displayed. More school yearbooks were donated this year and added to our collection at the Greenfield School.

**Membership:** Pilch- 243 members (including 13 new members). Goal is to continue to build membership numbers. New members are always welcome. Current membership list was published in most recent newsletter. Unless you are a life member, membership renewals are due in January of each year.

**Website/Facebook:** Pilch - Links and information were updated and the book section completely reworked to include more comprehensive descriptions of books for sale along with information on mailing and pricing. The facebook site assists in promoting the activities sponsored by the society; and is a relatively new and important part of our social media presence.

**New Business: Election of Directors for three year terms 01-01-2019-12-31-2021:** Foytek - Terms for Foytek, Salm and Morrison are expiring. All three individuals have agreed to serve another three year term; therefore it is the recommendation of the Board that this slate be elected for a three year term. Foytek called three times for nominations from the floor. Motion made by Karen Baumgartner, second by Doug Moquin to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of directors as presented by the Board. Motion Carried.

**Open Forum:** Question from the floor inquiring if coordination with local Genealogical Society is occurring. All indications are that the Price County Genealogical Society and the Price County Historical Society are working closely together to assist individuals, businesses and community agencies with both family and historical research.

**Adjournment:** President Foytek adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Lorraine (Laurie) Pilch, Secretary

Following the adjournment; the Lane Kreiling American Legion Post No. 122 of Phillips posted the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. John Berg gave his presentation *Home at Last; The Return of Price County Veterans from the Great War*. The colors were then retired and refreshments were served.

## Upcoming Events:

### **Chili Supper (all you can eat) and Bake Sale**

Tuesday, October 15 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Fifield Town Hall N13935 Ridge Ave



### **Price County Historical Society Annual Meeting**

Sunday, October 27 1:00 p.m.

Fred Smith Studio

Wisconsin Concrete Park N8236 Hwy 13 Phillips



**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

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