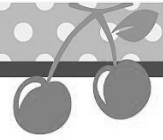


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What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.
john steinbeck

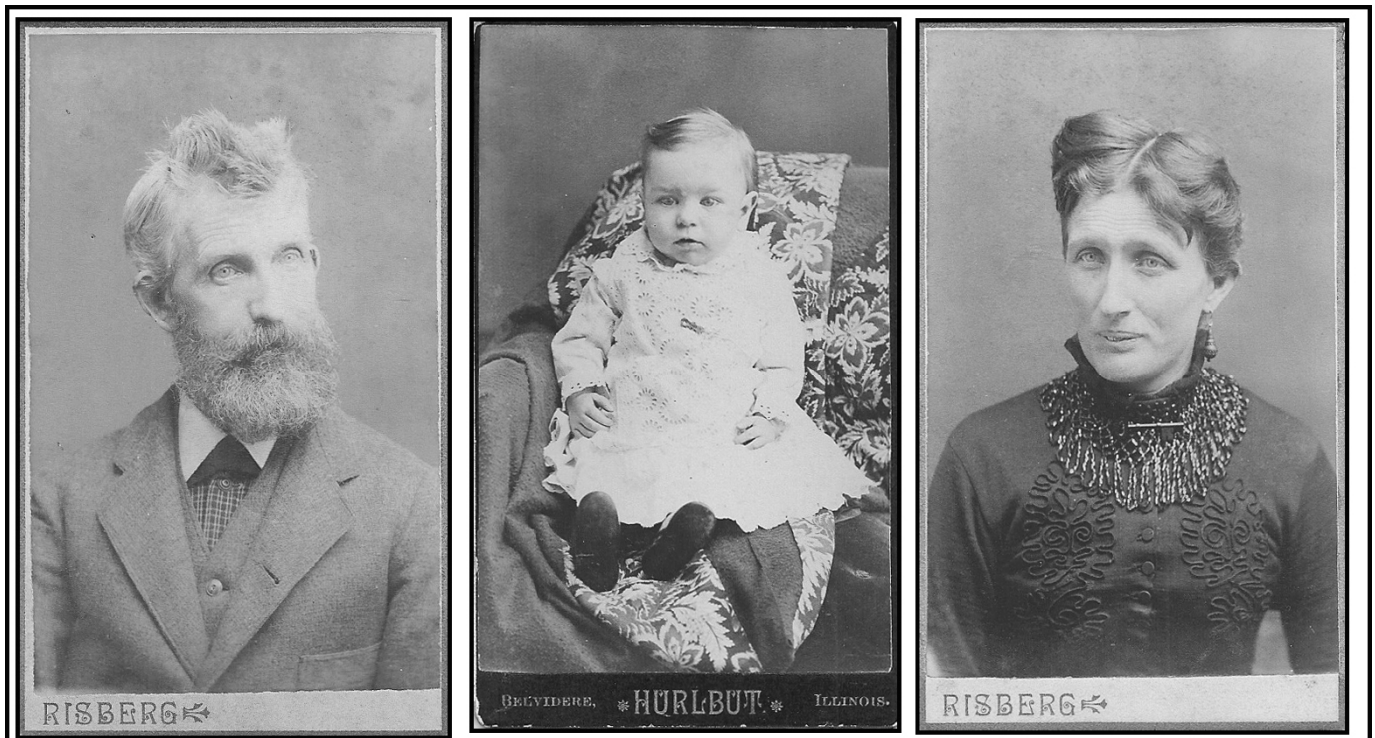


The following have passed away since our last newsletter:

Gregory Alan Wilhelm	67	Dec 2015
Irene M. Landis	83	Dec 2015
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Beverly Baggia	79	Dec 2015
Richard E. Nausner	44	Dec 2015
Shirley M. Decker	85	Dec 2015
Camela M. Weber	41	Jan 2016
Cynthia Emer	56	Jan 2016



Unidentified Photos



Can you help?

Unfortunately, tucked here and there in our files are quite a few unidentified photos. We're hoping that one of you might recognize someone, so they don't remain nameless.



Getting to school was certainly more challenging years ago for the children who lived off Mill road north of US 20. Can you imagine youngsters having to get across such a hazardous road to and from school before any traffic lights! No school bus, no sidewalk, and a very long walk indeed! No date was visible on this newspaper clipping, but the lights were installed sometime after 1968.



Traffic Flagged Down for Pupils

Mrs. Sally Ingram, left, and Mrs. William Shacklee use red flags to halt traffic at busy U.S. 20 and Mill Road. Parents of pupils at Cherry Valley School, living north of U.S. 20, have demanded action by the school board to provide crossing guards or other traffic con-

trol to protect their children. School board members promised action within two weeks of last Wednesday's meeting. (Register-Republic staff photo)



Cherry Valley Library

Jane Lenser, the new library director, announced that the library has launched their new website. You might want to delete older saved links, and make note of the new URL: www.cherryvalleylib.org

The direct link to our pages with many archived photos and links to past CVHS newsletters is now <http://www.cherryvalley.lib.il.us/wpcherryvalley/historical-society/> Lots of planning goes into this kind of updating, please check out the library's changes!



Recreation in Cherry Valley as remembered by Emmett Burke

If we go back a few years, we find on the corner of State and Cherry Streets a large house and a large barn. The exit of the barn was on the alley that runs beside Ed Klontz's home. In those days this was known as a livery stable where you could rent a horse and buggy for transportation. In later years this property was purchased by a man named C. C. McGuire, who became well known in these parts as a real

honest dealer in horses, cattle and all animals on the farm. He would buy and trade anything he could make a nickel on. He was honest and loved to have kids around him. We boys made our fun and entertainment. We helped about the barn just for a ride out in the country where Charlie would carry on his business, and lots of times we would have to help drive cattle or sheep or horses home. Some he may have bought or traded for.

One time he and Charlie Pierce from Belvidere, who was in the same line of business, would work together and bought several hundred head of wild ponies. These were purchased at Avalon, Wisconsin, and with the help of several boys and a few older men these ponies were driven from Avalon to Belvidere. While we herded these ponies and all the animals we had to help with, Charlie would go on ahead and try to purchase something for us to eat. While they rested the animals we kids would sit along the roads, and the usual fare was a large sack of bananas.

The ponies we drove home were put out in the front lot. This lot on the corner of State and Cherry had an iron fence around it like the one in front of Paul Abramson's house today. About 5:00pm, the kids, with their folks looking on, would have the time of our lives and we called it fun. WE all picked a pony we liked and it was our job to tame him. First we made our own halter under Charlie's supervision and tried to teach the pony to be halter broken, so you could lead it around. Then for the fun of riding! Lots of fun and lots of still, aching muscles! It was fun for all to see these ponies buck and throw their riders. Frank Hoppock broke a shoulder, but it was fun for him too. It was a real Wild West show each night, but in the end lots of tears because the time had come when Charlie had to make some money, so the ad went up: PONIES FOR SALE...BROKEN BY AND SAFE FOR KIDS.

As one who remembers, we had in Charlie and Selma McGuire two people who loved kids and spent many hours with them so they might have fun. Many of us will always remember them.

Interviewed by Terry Burke, grandson

This article was taken from the book "CHERRY VALLEY, Our Memories are warm 1835-1976"



Article from the 'Rockford Weekly Gazette' 8/18/1886, found by Sam Knighton
Cherry Valley

The cottages occupied, and the tents pitched on the camp grounds, number about eighty. The horse that was supposed to be stolen from Lewis Shirley Jr., was last Tuesday found at the farm of Charles Bennett, some distance south of Belvidere. How the horse got out of the pasture and came there, is yet a mystery.

Mr. Timothy Leet, of Danville, Canada, is visiting friends in this vicinity. He is father of H. O. Leet, Fielding's grain buyer. Mr. Leet is a member of Doric Lodge, No. 34c A. F. & A. M., of Danville, and Past District Deputy Grand Master, Province of Quebec. This is his first venture so far west, and he states that he is much pleased with the looks of the country.

Another substantial improvement is being made in the Valley. Some time ago Mr. E. C. Wise, Messrs. Howe & Gerry, and B. B. Hovey, purchased iron fenced of the Chicago Iron and Wire Works Company of 110 Lake Street, Chicago. Mr. H. J. McCarron, the company's agent, is here putting them up, and from what we have seen, we think he is doing a substantial and workmanlike job. We hope others will give Mr. McCarron their orders while he is here.

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Please feel free to drop a line, add some content, share some stories either to my e-mail, the Historical Society's e-mail (cv.historical86@frontier.com)

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