PART FIFTEEN: MT. HOreb NEWSPAPERS
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BLUE MOUNDS WEEKLY NEWS
The first Mt. Horeb newspaper was the Blue Mounds Weekly News founded in 1880 by Ed Breen. It was conducted by H. G. Elliott from 1881 to 1887 (except February to July, 1884, by P. Kenney) and in partnership with J. N. Dahlen from July 1884 to April 1887. After July, 1885, it was styled the Mt. Horeb Weekly News and was merged in the Black Earth Advertiser in June, 1887. The publication was printed at Black Earth, and after the merger subscribers were serviced by the Black Earth Advertiser.

DANE COUNTY SUN
In March, 1887, the Dane County Sun made its appearance. Its editor was G. G. Mandt, son-in-law of our first village president, A. E. Arneson. This was a four-page publication, like the Blue Mounds Weekly News, and very much the same in character.

MOUNT HOreb PROGRESS
On May 3, 1892, J. N. Dahlen and T. G. Lingard started the Mount Horeb Progress in opposition to the Sun. This was also a four-page weekly paper. On March 23, 1893, Mr. Lingard sold his interest in the paper to J. N. Risjord, and the new firm of Dahlen and Risjord purchased the Sun from Mandt on June 1 that year. The two papers were merged and became the Mount Horeb Times.

MOUNT HOreb TIMES
In September, 1895, the Mount Horeb Times was owned and edited by J. N. Dahlen, independent. This was also a six-column, four-page paper which sold for $1.00 per year.

The Times' make-up was different from the earlier papers in that it contained many more items of local interest, ignoring the long accounts of foreign affairs. The front and back page were hand set and contained ads, local notes and stories. The inside pages were readyprint stories and articles.

At the turn of the century the Times came out with an eight-page edition with four pages home print.

Mr. Dahlen sold the paper to F. S. Zintz on March 1, 1922. He conducted the paper for several years; then it was sold to Claude V. Sullivan and R. H. Foss of Milwaukee. Later William Ihland was also the publisher. In 1932 the Times was absorbed by the Mount Horeb Mail.

MOUNT HOreb MAIL
On November 13, 1901, the Mount Horeb Mail made its appearance under the editorship of O. M. Eidsmore. This, too, was a six-column, four-page paper, but all hand set.

Preparatory to publishing the Mail, Mr. Eidsmore imported equipment from Chicago which was installed in a building one door east of Dahle Bros. Store, and engaged A. C. Krohn, of Chicago, to take charge of the mechanical and job department.

In 1904 Mr. Krohn purchased the Mail from Mr. Eidsmore. The passing years brought many improvements and changes not only in the physical appearance of the paper, but in the mechanical plant as well. In 1911 the present building was built on the site now occupied by the west side of the Kluendorf Chevrolet Co., and in 1915 the building was moved to its present site and later an addition constructed on the south end.

The eight-page paper replaced the four-page edition. The addition of a linotype (the Mail now boasts two), modern press with attached folder and trimmer (making it possible to print four pages at a time instead of the customary two, and to do the folding and trimming at the time the last four pages are being printed), and other equipment saw the end of an era of hand setting and folding.

In 1924 the Mail did away with the "patent inside" and came out with an eight-page all home print edition. In 1932 it absorbed the Mount Horeb Times, and since then the community has been served by the one paper.

Mr. Krohn remained at the helm until 1950, when ill health forced him to retire. In 1951 the paper was purchased by his son, Elmer Krohn, and his daughter, Alice Krohn Fosshage.

Since Mr. Elmer Krohn's death on June 15, 1960, his wife, Julia, and Mrs. Fosshage have been co-editors and publishers of the paper, with Robert Krohn as assistant and manager.
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