FOREWORD

OFFICERS and members of the Sheboygan Centennial and Homecoming Association, which is a harmonious group composed of representatives of virtually every civic, fraternal, military, patriotic and other city-wide organization, are happy to welcome back home the former residents of this city and members of their families, as well as to extend greetings to others who come here to join in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the first settlement on the site of the present City of Sheboygan.

Arrangements for a proper observance of this anniversary have been made over a period of several months. Care was exercised in providing a variety of entertainment, and we believe you are going to enjoy the program that the Association has planned for you.

This celebration is the fruit of an idea contained in an editorial written in The Sheboygan Press on April 14th, 1933, by the Hon. Charles E. Broughton, in which he called attention to the fact that in 1934 Sheboygan would be one hundred years old, and suggested that it would be appropriate to celebrate on that anniversary. Accepting the suggestion, the Sheboygan Business Men’s Association, oldest existing organization of its kind in this city, decided to sponsor such an event.

On April 29, 1933, Mayor Willard M. Sonnenburg endorsed the Centennial idea and ordered reminders of the 100th anniversary placed on all official city stationery. A number of civic organizations, as well as many business concerns, also had reminders printed on their stationery, and thousands of these were sent to all parts of the world in the course of routine correspondence.

On May 10, 1933, the Sheboygan Business Men’s Association authorized the appointment of a city-wide executive committee to perfect a separate and distinct organization whose sole responsibility would be to take care of arrangements for the celebration. Accordingly, on November 7th, the Sheboygan Centennial and Homecoming Association was born. The following officers were chosen: Sid Kaye, president; Arthur F. Winter, general chairman; Arnold Steimle, vice president; Alderman Otto Messner, secretary; and William Zeinemann, treasurer. Three days later, the executive committee met and set August 26th to September 3rd as the dates for the celebration. From that time on, hundreds of meetings have been held by the various committees, whose members have devoted a vast amount of time, thought and effort to plans.

The celebration period is here. Friends from far and near are with us. All of us should be happy. We ask you to bear with us the mistakes that have been made, considering that everything was done by voluntary workers who feel that they owe an obligation to the community in which they live and that they should repay that obligation. Their only compensation for services rendered is the satisfaction of knowing that they did the best they could to help make Sheboygan people, former residents and other friends happier.

Sid Kaye, President
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