

# NEWSPAPER REVIEWS

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## THE OBITUARY OF LEHMAN ROSENHEIMER



11.31A RR Lehman Rosenheimer.

This obituary of Schleisingerville's leading citizen appeared in the September 25, 1878, issue of the Washington County Republican:

Lehman Rosenheimer is no more. The Merchant Prince so well known, honored and respected, has passed away from all that is of this world. We doubt if there is one, or has been one, so extensively known by citizens of this and adjoining counties as was L. Rosenheimer. Endowed as he was with so much energy, so much determination, he had extended his many branches of business over a large area of country, not only in this county but those in close proximity. Hardly any one but who knew him, and no one to condemn him. Who of us have but our faults? If he had faults, they were made to disappear like snow in the sunshine by his innumerable deeds of kindness. No one who came to him in need went away without some token of sympathy or help. He was a diamond--perhaps in the rough--but, nevertheless, a diamond. Ever liberal, free hearted and magnanimous, he collected around him close friends who appreciated and admired his many excellent qualities and forgave his peculiarities and excentricities.

Mr. Rosenheimer died in the prime of life, being about fifty-eight years of age. He was born in Dormitz, Bavaria, in 1820, emigrated to America in 1842, being twenty-two years of age at that time. He settled in the state of New York, where he was engaged in business a few years, and then came West, settling a little outside of Milwaukee, and soon after removing to the town of Addison, this county, on a farm, and from there to Schleisingerville, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits, building up a mammoth trade, which extended over all the county. No man has any comprehension of his ability, they were of too large a magnitude. Nothing, no matter how minute, escaped his watchful eye, or left his memory. His large business included all classes of merchandise, useful and in demand by farmers and others, and grain, running up into the hundreds of thousands of bushels have passed through his hands, in fact, for a number of years he controlled the market, almost in this section, sometimes demanding a whole train of cars to ship his purchases to Milwaukee. But it is useless to inform our readers of all these things, he was so well known that they are but superfluous. Enough to say is, the master has departed so quietly and so suddenly, no one expecting his death two hours previous, that all are shocked and filled with sorrow. All that loving hands could do, was done, and these have laid him away in his last resting place, behind the home his ambition and great industry have earned, beside the graves of two children, who had passed away before him.

Dr. Lynch was the attending physician, and did all in his power to save him. Mr. Paul A. Weil, of West Bend, who has been Mr. Rosenheimer's attorney for a number of years, took charge of the remains and directed the customary proceedings for their internment. Mr. Weil spoke very eloquently of the dead merchant, and remarked to your reporter that his monument should bear these words: "Here lies an honest man." Mr. Rosenheimer was sick but a few days, and died on Saturday evening last at about 7 o'clock. He leaves a large family to mourn his loss. He was buried with Jewish rites, behind his residence, and was followed to his grave by a large concourse of friends and acquaintances from home and abroad; a special train from Milwaukee arrived with many friends of the family. S.S. Barney made a few appropriate remarks eulogistic of the lamented dead.

## A FEW WORDS ON INSANITY

This short note appeared in the March 19, 1886, Hartford Times-Press:

INSANITY is on the increase. Statistics show this. Many cases are brought on by overwork, anxiety, excitement, mental trouble and nervous prostration; it is also inherited. Invariably sleeplessness and constipation manifest themselves before one becomes insane. Constipation induces dyspepsia, jaundice, bad breath, piles, pimples, low spirits, headache, etc. Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic relieves constipation thereby curing these diseases. Price 50 cents, of druggists.



# THE STRANGE TALE OF CHARLES KLOSE

As of the 1880 census Charles Klose, age 66, was married to Augusta, age 36. They had four children, the youngest being twins at age 2. Augusta was Charles' third wife so we're not sure if the children were from his marriage to Augusta or if she was previously married. With this background in mind, we share with you the following articles from the Times Press:

APRIL 16, 1886, ISSUE: Mr. Charles Klose the genial proprietor of the Junction house again feels jolly, his beloved wife, from whom he was divorced but a few days ago, having returned and again resumed the duties of housewife for the old gent. Are our courts a farce, or are divorces to be despised? Oh! Virtue thou art a thing of the past. Civilization is on the wane.

FEBRUARY 18, 1887, ISSUE: One of the most horrible and inhuman tragedies that ever fell to our lot to chronological, was enacted at Schleisingerville last Saturday evening, between the hours of 7 and 8. The facts as we learn them are substantially as follows:

Charles Klose, a keeper of a low kind of saloon and tavern, in a drunken frenzy, and apparently without premeditation, shot and killed his wife, and then shot himself. There was no one present at the time except four small children and a traveler, who had retired upstairs for the night. Soon after the stranger had gone to bed, he heard Klose and his wife engaged in a loud quarrel, and soon after he heard the report of a gun below which was soon followed by another; this so frightened him that he ran down stairs and out of the front door in his bare feet, calling the children to follow him, which they did.

It seems from the blood marks and the condition of things about the house, that Klose went into his bedroom where he kept two single barreled shot-guns, and, taking one, he stepped across the hall to the kitchen and shot his wife, who was standing by a table making bread, the charge taking effect in the face which was in close proximity to the muzzle of the gun. She fell and expired almost instantly. He then returned to the bedroom, took the other gun, and placed its muzzle against his head and fired. His aim, however, was unsteady and the charge only tore away a portion of his cheek. He then deliberately reloaded the gun, as is supposed by the blood found on the shot bag and powder flask, and then went and locked the front door, and returned to the bed room. He then either through accident, or intention, set fire to the room by igniting some kerosene oil. By this time the neighbors were aroused, and as he heard them coming in the back door he grasped the gun he had reloaded and sent the load crashing through his brain, falling dead, as the party entered the house.

The flames were soon extinguished, and then the party were horrified by the scene which met their gaze. Klose was laying partly on one side near the bed, dead, the charge of shot having entered the eye and passed through the brain. His wife was found just across the hall in the kitchen, where she had fallen from the first shot. The charge entered her mouth and

passed backward into her brain. It was said there was a feeble sign of life in her when first discovered, but it soon went out.

An inquest was held on the bodies the same evening, and the following jurymen rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts. Valentine Fischer, John Buch, John Schuck, T. Baehring, Bernhard Burger, jurymen.

Her remains and the brute's carcass were buried last Monday, and it is reported as reliable, that Klose was dumped into a rough box as he died, hauled to the grave yard on a stone boat, and buried with his two old guns that did the mischief by his side.

Klose was about 75 years old, and had been a resident of Schleisingerville for over thirty years. He was a mean, low, disreputable man, and when crazed by drink was a holy terror to the community.

The murdered woman was his third wife, about 45 years of age, and since her marriage to Klose they lived in an almost continual brawl. She left him several times, and not long since she commenced an action against him for divorce, which was afterwards discontinued. She leaves five children, two boys and three girls. Dissipation, jealousy and domestic troubles, combined with a bad disposition, culminated in the rash and fatal deed.

## THE DISPUTE OVER SLINGER'S CLAIM TO BE WASHINGTON COUNTY BASKETBALL CHAMPS FOR 1920

Whenever two towns are in close proximity, there is a natural rivalry that develops. This is especially true when the smaller town claims superiority over the larger town. Such was the case in 1920. The following articles appeared in the Hartford Times-Press during the course of that basketball season. Some are written by the Slinger reporter, some by the Hartford reporter.

JANUARY 16, 1920, SLINGER REPORTER: On Monday evening when the S.A.C. played Fogarty's Doughboys, Slinger people witnessed the fastest game of the season. The visitors are players picked from all over the United States, each player having his own record as a basketball star. The first score was made by Slinger, then their opponents scored, after which Slinger added two more baskets, making the score 2 to 6 in Slinger's favor. It was after this that the visiting team scored well, ending the first half by 18 to 10 in their favor. The second half was decidedly in Slinger's favor, scoring them 7 points, while the visitors scored only 2. The final score was 17 to 20 in favor of the Doughboys. The good qualities as players by Fogarty's men cannot be criticized, except that a twenty-minute half against the swift S.A.C. is too much for Fogarty. It was necessary for him to have a sham quarrel three times during the second half to enable him to catch his breath. The local boys are not disappointed at the result of the game because their ambition had not been to win the game, but only to prevent a shut-out. The hall was packed by interested spectators.



JANUARY 16, 1920, HARTFORD REPORTER: A large number of basketball fans from this city went to Schleisingerville Monday evening to witness this basketball game between the Slinger five and the famous Fogarty Doughboys, of Fond du Lac. The latter team was victorious after 40 minutes of the most strenuous playing seen on the Slinger floor for some time. The "Doughboys" took the lead in the first half, and that half ended with a score of 18 to 10 in their favor. In the last half Slinger played the best game, holding the Fond du Lac team to only one basket, while they succeeded in getting three baskets and a free throw themselves. The station agent at Schleisingerville reports that he sold 140 tickets to Hartford people who returned on the Pioneer Limited.

MARCH 5, 1920, SLINGER REPORTER: The Slinger A.C. for the fourth successive year won the WASHINGTON COUNTY BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, when they defeated Kewaskum at Kewaskum on Sunday, February 29, 37 to 30. The game was very interesting, and was witnessed by the largest crowd that ever attended a game at Kewaskum. The first half ended with Kewaskum at the lead 24 to 17, but in the second half the Slinger five showed their regular form and in less than five minutes were in the lead, 29 to 24. After that the Slinger team kept a safe lead until the end. O'Malley, of Marquette, was in the Kewaskum line-up, but still the Slinger five, composed of all home players, was too fast for them. P. Fries, of the Slinger team, had his jaw broken in the second half, but finished the game in great shape.

In the past week the Slinger A.C. won two other games. On Wednesday, February 25, they traveled to Fond du Lac, and defeated the Ruepings, Fox River Valley champions, 22 to 16. It was the second game the Ruepings lost this season, their only other defeat being handed them by the Edisons, of New London. The Slinger team will go to Fond du Lac for a second game on Saturday, March 13.

On Saturday, February 28, the Slinger A.C. easily won from the Van Brunt A.C. of Horicon, 86 to 22.

MARCH 12, 1920, HARTFORD REPORTER: SLINGER TAKE NOTICE: WHO ARE THE CHAMPIONS? Our neighboring village of Schleisingerville is getting quite puffed up of late and is claiming the championship of Washington County in basketball. Manager Davis, of the Kissel City Club team, this city, has offered to play Schleisingerville a number of times, and has given them eleven dates to choose from. Still they have come out with statements claiming that they are the champions of Washington County. The local team now challenges the Slinger quintet to play a series of games to decide the championship. If the Slinger team refuses to play they forfeit the championship to the Hartford five. Now Slinger, what do you say? Who are the champions? We want your answer in the next week's issue of The Times. If you refuse to answer, our readers will know that it's a case of cold feet, and forfeiting of the championship.

MARCH 19, 1920, SLINGER REPORTER: FOR THE KISSEL CITY TEAM. The Slinger A.C. basketball team was at all times ready to play Hartford, but find that the Hartford team has failed to come up to their terms. Hartford would like to dictate to Slinger the way they did in baseball when Slinger

asked them for a game and they told them to get a reputation. Slinger could do the same thing to Hartford in basketball, since their record shows that they are by far superior to Hartford, but Slinger comes out like real sportsmen and has already offered to play Hartford at Hartford and Slinger and on a neutral floor but it seems as though Hartford does not care to play out of their own gym.

The Slinger A.C. is herewith publishing its record for the season, and advises Hartford to publish theirs and let the people decide which is the better team, as there are some teams which both have played, as for instance the Merton Dairies, who won from Hartford 31 to 19, while they lost to Slinger 32 to 11, and Horicon, who Hartford just nosed out, while Slinger beat them 86 to 22. Slinger has played 23 games this season, 10 of which were played out of town, and they have lost in all only 5 games. They have piled up 1066 points against their opponents' 523.

Slinger, 32; Merton Dairies, 11.  
Slinger, 74; Jiffy Jells, Waukesha, 34.  
Slinger, 39; Neenah Athletics, 14.  
Slinger, 50; Laf-a-Lots, F. du L., 22.  
Slinger, 14; Hartland, 16.  
Slinger, 56; Paine Lumber Co., 20.  
Slinger, 38; Laf-a-Lots, F. du L., 20.  
Slinger, 67; Concordia College, 34.  
Slinger, 25; Cream City A.C., 32.  
Slinger, 68; West Point Specials, 16.  
Slinger, 64; Oakfield, 18.  
Slinger, 44; Kewaskum, 14.  
Slinger, 17; Fogarty Doughboys, 20.  
Slinger, 18; Neenah Cardinals, 34.  
Slinger, 19; Port Washington, 47.  
Slinger, 68; Neenah Athletics, 28.  
Slinger, 47; Sodality Specials, 24.  
Slinger, 49; Delmontes, 19.  
Slinger, 22; Rueping Leather Co., 16.  
Slinger, 86; Horicon, Van Brunts, 22.  
Slinger, 37; Kewaskum, 30.  
Slinger, 114; Wallace & Smiths, 22.  
Slinger, 18; Rueping Leather Co., 10.

APRIL 2, 1920, HARTFORD REPORTER: HEADLINE: HARTFORD LOSES FAST BASKETBALL GAME TO SLINGER, VISITORS CAME "LOADED" WITH RIPON STARS, WHO TAKE THE GAME ONLY AFTER HARD FOUGHT BATTLE. WON IN THE LAST INNING. LARGEST CROWD ON RECORD IN ATTENDANCE--GAME CLEANLY FOUGHT AND INTERESTING. RETURN CONTEST NEXT WEEK. With people jamming the hall to the doors, the largest crowd that ever witnessed a local basketball game, the much-awaited Slinger-Hartford game was played at the Kissel City club rooms last evening, and resulted in favor of the visiting boys by a score of 34 to 41. However, the game cannot be called a contest against the Slinger quintet, due to the fact that three Ripon college stars and all state men, played on their lineup. These were Lunde, Gustin and Herbst. The other two men were regular Slinger players. In playing the game with these two players (Gustin and Lunde) Slinger violated an agreement made with the Kissel City club previous to the game. However, in order not to disappoint the crowd, the



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local manager let this pass, and the game between the Slinger-Ripon and Hartford teams was on.

For the first few minutes, rapid team work predominated. However, the scoring soon began, when Rhodes, for the locals, dropped two pretty field goals through the basket. This was soon followed by baskets by Bloor and White, also of the locals. Then Duehning made the first basket for the Slinger team. From then until the final whistle blew the playing was intense, each side trying to outdo the other. At times the teams were on an even basis, and not until the last whistle blew could the Slinger-Ripon team claim victory. Gustin, of Ripon College, featured for the Slinger quintet, getting 20 of their 41 points. The other Ripon College man, Lunde, played a good guard game, but Slinger's own men did not show up as well as was expected. For the Hartford quintet, the best player is hard to choose, for each played the game as a professional. Rhodes and Bloor secured the most points, getting 7 baskets a piece. White, Theisen, Brunette and Richard also played games worthy of special mention.

One feature of the game which did not meet with the approval of the fans was the work of the visiting referee. Whenever the local boys were under their basket, he would call a tie ball. However, when the Slinger-Ripon men had the ball under their basket, he would let a Hartford and Slinger-Ripon man wrestle for some time before calling a tie ball. Outside of this, the refereeing was impartial to both sides, and only five fouls were called in all.

On April 10, next Saturday, the local team will play a return game at Schleisingerville. This will decide the championship of Washington County, for if the local team loses, the honors go to Slinger.

Tomorrow night (Saturday) the local Kissel City club team meets Al Seeger's Champions, of Milwaukee. This is claimed to be one of the best teams in the state, and a good game can be expected.

APRIL 2, 1920, SLINGER REPORTER: The Slinger Athletic club closed a successful basketball season April 1, when they played the Kissel City Club team of Hartford at that place. It was one of the most interesting games of the season and was staged before the largest crowd that ever witnessed a game at Hartford. It ended very favorably for the locals, with a score of 41 to 34 in their favor. Hartford scored the first points, but Slinger soon got the lead and kept it throughout the entire game. Good team work was displayed on both sides. The game was not what the boys had expected it to be, due to three of the regular players, Oswin Wadewitz, Oscar Roth and Charles Fries, being sick and unable to play. With the substitute and two players from Ripon it was possible to have the game at all, otherwise it would have had to been cancelled.

The Kissel City Club need not, as has been said by Hartford folks, feel as though they were treated unfair by the S.A.C. on account of the two outside players. It is undisputed that under the conditions of having two of the best players sick it was necessary to have outside help to defeat them. Nevertheless, there is no doubt in the minds of local people and outsiders who know the qualities of the S.A.C. as a team which of the two is the better team. The Hartford City Club can congratulate themselves on not having met the regular S.A.C. five, or their fate might have been a worse one.

It was not showing much sportsmanship for Hartford to come out at the eleventh hour of the season with not much to their credit, to dispute the S.A.C.'s county championship, which title was not claimed until it had been honestly won by successful playing.

APRIL 9, 1920, HARTFORD REPORTER: Manager Davis, of the Kissel City Club basketball team, this week received a letter from the Slinger A.C., cancelling the game between the Kissel quintet and the Slinger five, which was to have been played at Schleisingerville tomorrow night. The lateness of the season, and due to the fact that Roth and Wadewitz, two of Slinger's best players, are out of the game on account of illness, probably caused them to cancel the game. The game played here last week Thursday evening was therefore Slinger's last game of the season, and that game closed a most successful season for the Slinger five. They have won practically every game played, and by winning last Thursday's contest, have clinched beyond question the championship of Washington County.

## WERE ATTACKED BY ROWDIES

With the advent of the automobile and the problems caused by dirt roads, codes of conduct were not always clear. This short article appeared on page 1 of the June 21, 1918, Hartford Times:

### WALTER AND OSCAR KRATZ, OF SLINGER, "BEATEN UP" BY TWO UNKNOWN MEN TUESDAY WHILE DRIVING HOME FROM HARTFORD

A rather raw attack and apparantly uncalled for was made upon Walter and Oscar Kratz, two young men of Schleisingerville, last Tuesday afternoon, while the young men were returning to their home in a car from a trip to Hartford. A machine containing two unknown men followed them and endeavored for quite some time to pass the Kratz car which they were unable to do. They became angry at this delay and when they did succeed in getting by they stopped their machine and walked back to the Kratz car and set upon the boys, giving them a severe beating. They then got into their own car and drove away in a cloud of dust. However, the Kratz boy secured the license number of the other car and as soon as the owner of the machine can be identified they will be called to account for their actions.

However, there is one point to be considered, and that is that if the Kratz boys were guilty of unnecessarily obstructing the road and refusing to let the other car pass them, they were deserving of the treatment that they received. If, on the other hand, it was impossible for them to turn out before they did in order to let the other machine safely by, the rowdies that beat them up should be made to pay the full penalty of the law. There is altogether too much uncivility between automobile parties using the public highways, which are free to all to use intelligently in the pursuit of one's business.



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## A WEST BEND REPORTER'S VIEW OF SCHLEISINGERVILLE

This brief note by a West Bend reporter appeared in the January 29, 1875, issue of the West Bend Republican after he visited Schleisingerville:

This is not a very large place; probably about half as large as West Bend, but from appearances we should judge that the business done there would compare favorably to this village (West Bend). There are two large stores in this place, L. Rosenheimer & Sons and John Pick & Sons, both firms doing a heavy business judging from the large stock they carry. There are several saloons and hotels of which H. Sternemann and E. Grosskopf are the most popular.

## HAD CLOSE CALL FROM DEATH

Hartford Times, December 11, 1914:

Edmund Kletti, of Schleisingerville, had a close call from being killed last Saturday afternoon while oiling the shafting in the blacksmith shop of his brother, Fred Kletti, in that village. His clothes got caught in a revolving shaft, but by bracing himself against a joist managed to save himself from being seriously if not fatally injured. Before the machine could be stopped, most of the clothes were torn from his body. He suffered a fracture of the right leg below the knee and a severe contusion of the bone of the left leg.

## HAS SECOND MISFORTUNE

Hartford Times, February 26, 1915:

John Kletti, son of Fred Kletti, owner of a livery stable at Schleisingerville, had the misfortune to fall and break his left leg while pushing a buggy into the stable last Monday evening. Shortly before Christmas the young man had the misfortune to break the same leg and was just about getting over it so he could do a little work.

(Editor's note: It seems to me that Ron Kletti of current times has also broken several bones. Could this be hereditary?)

## SELLS MACHINERY BUSINESS

Hartford Times, June 25, 1915:

Joseph Rosenheimer, of Schleisingerville, has sold his machinery business to William E. Langenecker, of Allenton,

who took possession this week. The new owner contemplates erecting a large warehouse.

## THOUSANDS THRILLED BY SLINGER HILL CLIMB



17.12 TAR Before it became Little Switzerland in 1941, Winter's Hill was used for motorcycle hill climb events. These events took place in the early 1930's. Apparently one rider lost his life when he went over the top of the hill and crashed.

Winter's Hill, located at Slinger, was the scene of the thrilling annual motorcycle climb last Sunday which attracted nearly eight thousand spectators. Thirty roaring, bucking motorcycles, driven by thirty determined riders, fought their way up the 55 per cent incline in a mad race against time. These cyclists, who clung with hands and knees in bronco-busting fashion, included the best professional and amateur riders from Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota and Manitoba, Canada. The course followed was not long, only 275 feet; but as one rider said, if it were any steeper, dirt would not stay on the hill.

When the climb began, the ground was covered with grass. The rain of Sunday morning had softened the dirt, however, so that by the time a half dozen riders had sent their mounts roaring and plunging up the hill, the narrow track looked like a plow field. The soft ground affected the time considerably; and only one rider, Art Earlenbaugh, of Milwaukee, made the course in less than eight seconds. However, if the condition of the hill cut down the speed, it added to the thrills. At times even the best riders were unable to hold their machines; and more than one skidded wildly off the track and into the crowd that lined the side of the course. But it was all part of the fun, and no one received any injuries.

The five winners in each of the two events will be entered in the national championship climb.



The "Amber Inn," located at the intersection of Hwy. 60 & 144 just outside of Slinger, was built and established in 1962 by William & Iona Langenecker and then named "Kettle Inn."

Purchased in 1969 during the Slinger Centennial by Lothar (Terry) and Ann Koehnke, the establishment was renamed to and then operated as "Terriannies Supper Club" and became well noted for their Continental and American Cuisine and excellent, well-staffed service, enjoying a substantial following from their former Milwaukee operation.

After a brief interruption and reevaluation of "today's trends," the supper club image was changed into a country inn type of atmosphere in March of 1980. The new name "Amber Inn" was chosen.

With a now scaled down dinner menu but the addition of a wide variety of delicious char-broiled sandwiches and broasted chicken, the Koehnke's continue to enjoy their reputation for excellent food and drinks and are now, after 25 years, the longest established bar/restaurant operators in Slinger and most of it's immediate surroundings.

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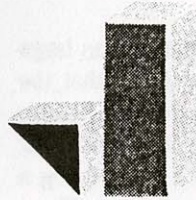
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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE "SLINGER COLUMN" OF THE HARTFORD TIMES

JUNE 12, 1885: Again we assert that we should organize a fire company to guard against any danger of fire. Let some active person take the matter in hand.

JUNE 12, 1885: Hotel for sale in Schleisingerville. Lies between St. Paul and Wisconsin Central Railroads--in good repair--contains 16 rooms. Convenient for keeping boarders and travelers. Good well and cistern and good stable and large garden. George Jung. (Jung later leased this hotel to Chas. Fries.)

JUNE 26, 1885: Rosche Bros. have renovated the Schleisingerville Foundry and are turning out a #1 plow.

JUNE 26, 1885: Tramps are becoming a nuisance. Have we not a law preventing vagrancy?

MAY, 1886: Schleisingerville can now boast of seven saloons all in full blast and all doing comparatively well despite hard times.

JUNE 25, 1886: Where! Oh where is our promised lock-up? Tramps are becoming a public nuisance.

JULY 23, 1886: Rosenheimers are manufacturing over 25,000 bricks per day; they are moulding by machinery.

APRIL 5, 1895: George Stroebel, one of the first settlers of Schleisingerville, died at his home March 30, aged over 76 years. Born Bryon, Germany July 4, 1818. Came to this town 1847 where he has since resided.

MARCH 30, 1909: The rebuilding of Peter Schuck's warehouse has begun. The new building will be about four times the size of the old one.



17.21 MJR Peter Schuck built this warehouse in 1909. It was razed to make room for a parking lot next to the store.

DECEMBER 29, 1916: The Boston College girls last week Tuesday evening met defeat by the local basketball team to the tune of 34 to 20. The young ladies were no match for the locals, and this to some extent was disappointing. The large crowd nevertheless seemed to enjoy the clash.

MARCH 16, 1917: Charles W. Murray, formerly superintendent of the Standard Machinery Company, of this village, and of late holding a similar position with the Lasure Pulley & Clutch Company of Madison, was arrested on a statutory charge and bound over to Municipal court at Milwaukee. He is accused of taking Elma Zeller to a downtown hotel on February 25th. His bail was fixed at \$1,000.

MARCH 23, 1917: C. W. Murray, of Madison, formerly of here, was found guilty of adultery in Judge Backus' court at Milwaukee and was sentenced \$500 and costs, or six months' imprisonment.

MAY 4, 1917: Village Marshal Otto C. Bartelt issued a warning to citizens who let their chickens run at large. People just now are preparing their gardens, and they dislike having the seed picked out by the fowl. There is a village ordinance in existence which provides a penalty for this negligence of chicken owners.



6.13 RK West Washington Street, Circa 1910. The house on the right is thought to be the house where the manager of John Rosenheimer, Sr.'s farm would reside. It has long since been removed. Stray chickens like the one in the middle of this street could wreak havoc on neighbor's gardens.

JULY 27, 1917: The local saloonkeepers have organized themselves to jointly prevent offensive practices in their trade and guard their lawful interests. The following officers have been elected: President John Merten, Secretary J. P. Miller, Treasurer Fred Roth. It was decided to close the saloons at 12 o'clock midnight, except at dances, when they may be open all night.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1917: While making the run to the St. Lawrence fire Sunday afternoon the Schleisingerville hook and ladder equipment was all but about wrecked, when the wheels collapsed and the cart tipped over. The cart was hitched on behind a Ford car, and the rocky conditions of the road soon pounded the spokes loose in the wheels, letting it collapse in a heap. Fortunately no one was riding upon the cart at the time.



It was left laying beside the road while the fire ladders drove over in the car so as to offer all the assistance possible to our neighboring village which for a time was threatened to be wiped out.

NOVEMBER 9, 1917: Everett Schubert and Robert Merten have found Slinger too small for their ambitions. They left Thursday evening, leaving no word as to their whereabouts. They will undoubtedly be back in a short time.

MARCH 29, 1918: The Slinger A.C. closed a successful season of basketball Saturday, March 23, defeating Neenah 58-28. The Slinger A.C. lost only one game this season.

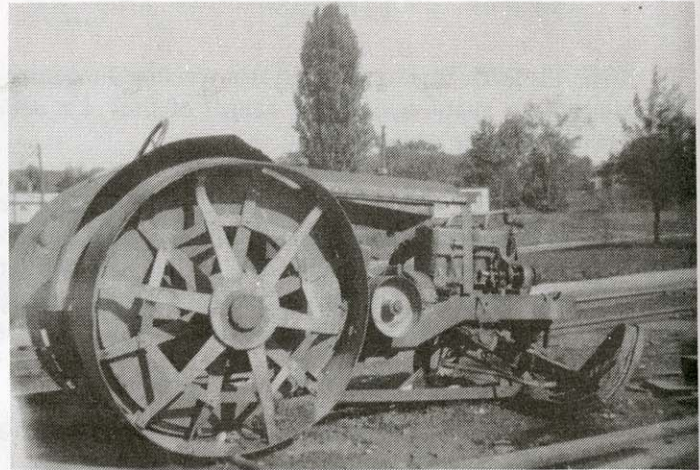
MAY 17, 1918: Dr. Kletti is erecting a beautiful \$8,000 residence. Dr. Kletti will use the Dunham Vapor System in heating his home, the same as the Kissel Brothers installed in a number of the highest priced homes in Hartford. (Editor's note: This house still stands at 304 Kettle Moraine Dr. S.)

JUNE 14, 1918: The fire department received their new hook and ladder truck Wednesday, June 12, 1918. Ten members have gone to war. With the good equipment they now have, the fire department will perhaps feel the absence of ten of its members who have gone to war, less than formerly, when coping with fires.

OCTOBER 17, 1919: TRACTOR STRUCK BY TRAIN. The first tractor built by the Vim Tractor Co. was reduced to an irreparable bunch of junk Monday afternoon when it was struck by No. 46, the south bound St. Paul passenger. The accident occurred on the crossing a few yards west of the depot, at the same place where a few months ago Theo. Frey crashed into the train with Dr. Kauth's Ford sedan.

William Polzin, an employee of the Vim Tractor Co., was hauling freight from the depot with the tractor. He did not hear nor see the oncoming train until he was directly on the track. He then made an effort to back off, but no avail, one wheel having become stuck in the track. Being unable to save the tractor, he jumped, thereby avoiding a bad shaking up. The

train was delayed about 14 minutes while the ruins were being removed from the track.



16.22A LS The first Vim tractor after it was struck by a train.

APRIL 23, 1920: "Modern Brass Mfg. Co." A newly organized company began excavating for the basement of their factory--it will be built on Oak Street. (Editor's note: This is the current site of Sager Auto Body at 315 Oak St.)

JANUARY 30, 1920: The Royal Neighbors held a meeting at their hall Monday evening for the purpose of installing officers who had been elected at a recent meeting. Eugenia Schmitt, oracle of the Hartford Camp, had charge of the meeting and installation. She is marshal of a drive being made in Washington County to secure new members. Following are the officers installed for the coming year: Oracle, Sadie Rosenheimer; vice-oracle, Carrie Thiel; past oracle, Carrie Eggert; chancellor, Nora Theisen; recorder, Nora Kletti; receiver, Margaret Meister; marshal, Amy Stappenbeck; assistant marshal, Alma Kletti; inner sentinel, Linda Baehring; outer sentinel, Tillie Rosche. After the business was concluded a lunch was served, and the Hartford ladies returned home on the late train.



# SLINGER QUAS QUI CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Larry Gundrum  
Robert Schaefer  
Wes Gaedtke  
Cecilia Nehm  
Ann Schulz  
Bill Jacklin  
Eugenia Malsack  
Steve Lewke  
Wayne Thomas  
Mark Gundrum  
Joanne O'Dwyer  
Rick Gundrum  
Chuck Ruetten  
David Retzlaff  
Dewayne Grauden  
Dale Zarling

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Slinger Fire Department  
Slinger Jaycees  
Slinger Junior Women's Club  
Slinger-Allenton Rotary  
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St. John's U.C.C.  
Slinger Lion's Club  
Slinger Lion's Club  
Slinger Speedway  
Slinger Advancement Association  
Slinger Advancement Association  
Slinger Fire Department  
Slinger Fire Department  
V.F.W.  
Boy Scouts

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Secretary  
Treasurer

## PARADE COMMITTEE

John Gundrum  
Glenn Konrath  
Joanne O'Dwyer  
Michael Schuetz  
Ed Wolf

Slinger Advancement Association  
Slinger-Allenton Rotary  
Slinger Advancement Association  
Slinger Historian  
Slinger Advancement Association

Chairman

## VOLUNTEER GROUPS

Slinger Advancement Association  
Slinger Jaycees  
Slinger-Allenton Rotary  
St. John's U.C.C.  
Boy Scouts

Slinger Fire Department  
Slinger Lion's Club  
Slinger Junior Women's Club  
Slinger V.F.W.  
Washington County Humane Society



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SLINGER'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

THEME "YESTERDAY ONCE MORE"

JUNE 17, 18, AND 19

## FRIDAY: JUNE 17

- 6:00 P.M. "Back to the Future" Kiddie Parade
- 7:00 P.M. 4-H Pie and Ice Cream Social
- 8:00 P.M. Memorabilia Review
- 8:00 P.M. Band "CLASS OF 62"
- Adult Volleyball Tournament and Little League Games

## SATURDAY: JUNE 18

- 7:30 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M. St. John's Pancake Breakfast
- 9:00 A.M. 5 Mile Run / 2 Mile Walk
- All Day - Clown Skits
- NOON - Parade
- After the parade - Slinger War Veterans Memorial Dedication
- Afternoon and Evening - Adult Volleyball
- Afternoon and Evening - Kids Activities on the Little League Diamond
- 2:00 P.M. SARA Dance Group Program
- 4:00 P.M. High School Jazz Band
- 4:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Slinger - Allenton Rotary Steak Dinner
- Afternoon - Square Dance Display
- 8:30 P.M. Band "FRECKLES AND THE HOSTAGES"

## SUNDAY: JUNE 19

- 12:30 P.M. Dan Kirk "THE JUGGLER WITH THE BIG YELLOW SHOES"
- 1:00 P.M. Kitchenaires Senior Friends Band
- 1:00 P.M. Radio Controlled Cars on tennis courts. - Test your skills against Slinger Speedway Drivers
- 1:30 P.M. 125TH Raffle Drawing
- 2:00 P.M. Line Dancing
- 2:00 P.M. Band "EASTWOOD"
- Adult Events on Softball Diamond
- Kids Events on Little League Diamond
- Evening - Special 125 lap feature race at Slinger Super Speedway to commemorate Slinger's Quas Qui Centennial.

## AND ALL WEEKEND LONG

- Carnival Rides and Games
- Slinger Fire Department Beer Stand
- Slinger Lion's Club Food Stand
- Slinger Junior Women's Club Candy and Soda Stand
- Boy Scouts Tent
- Clown Face Painting