

1955 CENTENNIAL PARADE DVD

The 1955 Centennial Parade is a little known item on the merchandise list (See page 6 of this newsletter). This film was taken by Gerald Lomasney with one of the first movie cameras sold for individual use. The DVD narrated by Maggie Lomasney was donated to the society as a fundraiser. The parade was a really big event for the little village of Plain. Hildegard Thering mentions in her book, A History of Plain, Wisconsin, 1982, pg.132; "On June 4, 1955, on Saturday, the Sauk County June Is Dairy Month program opened at the center of an outstanding dairy region. The 83-float parade in which about 450 persons took part, started at 10:30 a.m. The spectators, a crowd of several thousand, enjoyed the slow moving farm machinery of early farming days - farm machinery, horse drawn buggies, wagons, and floats depicting rural life a century ago, with the participants in costumes."

Who Is On The Film?

American Legion Color Guard
St. Luke's Ag Department Float
Winnebago Chief John White Eagle
Bettinger Hardware and Grocery
Meister's Bar-Harry Diehl Tavern
Jeannette Hetzel-Queen of the Day
Oxen pulling a covered wagon
Tony Brickl-1900 Grain Reaper
Tom Dischler-Dump Rake
Town Chairmen 1914-1931: William Scallon, Alois Beck, Simon Brickl, Herb Liegel
Gerhardt Dischler & boys-milk cans on a wagon
Poplar Grove-Suennicht-closed milk truck
Town Chairmen Joe Blau & Joe Laubmeier-1932-54
Ed Wittmann-1910 road grader
Horse-drawn beer wagon
Plain Fire Dept.-ladder truck
Town Chairmen: Walter Liegel, Zeno Weiss, Anton "Tony" Blau,
George Hausladen, Anthony Alt
"Miss Franklin" Marie Haller, Mildred Haller, Rita Bergman, Ruth Ann
Neuheisel, Jackie Blau, Elsie Kraemer
Meadow View Homemakers
Four Corners 4-H Club
Umhoefer Lumber
Clete's Skelly Service
Kraemer Bros-portable cement mixer
Ed Kraemer & Sons-1916 Mack
Spring Green Marching Band
Baraboo Lions Club
American Legion Post 398
Ted Blau with Biddy the goat; Carol Weidner in cart
Many others-unidentified*