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### Thanksgiving Day at White Mound

Thanksgiving Day was appropriately celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bindl, where forty-five of their neighbors and friends gathered and partook of a bountiful turkey dinner and game supper. In the morning all came, the ladies bringing boxes, roasters, pots and pans all filled with good things to eat, while the men and boys brought their guns. The ladies busied themselves with preparing the dinner and the men and boys lined up and with their guns made for the woods. There were fifteen in all and looked something like a wee, little branch broken away from the German army. At 11:30 they returned bringing four squirrels and fifteen rabbits with them. Then came the skinning of the game, in which all the men as well as the women took part. Afterwards all sat down to the table, where a nicely-roasted turkey, furnished by Mrs. Rob Nachreiner, and many other good things too numerous to mention were devoured by the hungry bunch. After dinner the men again shouldered their guns and went back to the woods, soon returning with more game. Being farmers they now had to go home to do the chores, but they didn't forget to come back, as they remembered that the ladies were preparing something good for supper. At 6 o'clock everybody again took their places at the table, this time eating rabbit and squirrel, instead of turkey. After supper cards and many other games were played, **Grandma and Grandpa Dischler** taking part as lively as any of the youngsters. At eleven o'clock more refreshments were served, and as may be imagined no one was very hungry now, yet all wished they could eat more. Near midnight the guests departed for home, feeling that Mr. and Mrs. Bindl certainly are royal entertainers.

Those present were: Grandpa and Grandma Dischler, Joe Bindl and family, H. Bindl and family, John Haas and family, **Robert Nachreiner** and family, Joe Dischler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nachreiner and daughter Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Nachreiner, Mr. and Mrs. **Albert Nachreiner**, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Heiser, Jr., Simon Blau, Joe Koswisch, Dan and Margaret Nachreiner.

*Note that the highlighted names of Rob and Albert Nachreiner were listed as builders of the Franklin Town Hall in Hildegarde Thering's book "A History of Plain, Wisconsin" 1982 on page 74. The Franklin Town Hall now houses the museum for the Old Franklin Township Historical Society. In 1899, the Franklin Town Hall was built by*



Photo 1921 Wachter Ave, looking south.  
Left: Franklin Town Hall.  
Right: Reuschlein Store, Pat Walsh

**Rob and Albert Nachreiner** who received \$84 for their labor. Rob was paid \$1.25 per hour and his brother Albert received 50 cents per hour. This building replaced the wagon shop of Moses Tunstall, wagon maker. The upstairs of the new building was for the use of the Town of Franklin, with a jail and fire station downstairs for the village use. Occupancy of the jail was not very frequent, except during the Great Depression of 1936. The alarm bell in the tower was the only warning system that the village possessed. In the fall of 1979, the alarm bell was removed by a group of workers and placed

upon a concrete base in front of the new fire station.

*Also note that the highlighted names of **Grandma and Grandpa Dischler** would be John B. Dischler (1849- 1928) and Anna Maria Ruhland (1852-1928). See photo at right.*



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