



MENASHA CITY SQUARE 1888

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GOOD START!

How good it was to gather together again. Over 30 of us joined in enjoying tempting food and good company. It was exciting to have several relatives of our meeting subject, Frank Bayer, broom maker, with us. Thanks to Nancy Barker for her presentation and display boards.

OCTOBER MEETING -Thursday, October 10 - 7:00 p.m. Museum/Resource Center
We have several display boards at the Center that feature the Clovis and Grove families, early business people in Menasha. In 1978 and 1983 the Menasha Historical Society presented skits featuring these families. We decided to update those skits to the year 2008. Come to learn as we feature two early community families.

DUES

Did you turn in your \$10.00 dues to Nancy Spindler? If not, bring it to the October meeting or send to Nancy Spindler at 1845 Eagle Drive, Neenah, WI 54956.

FUTURE

November will remind us of Veteran's Day and the Isle of Valor. Our veterans will provide us with a program based on their experiences. It is a time to remember.

BY-LAWS

We have made some changes in our by-laws and policies to bring us up to date. Because of financial costs we are not sending you copies of the changes, but they will be posted and presented at the October meeting. Copies will be available at the Resource Center before the meeting. Proposed changes will be voted on at the October meeting.

(Could this be the fore-runner of our broom maker, Frank Bayer?)

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Anton Walbrun, Caning Factory

One of the many smaller manufactories which collectively have been doing Menasha a world of good during the past five years is the caning factory of Anton Walbrun, located on the corner of Tayco and Seventh streets. This plant was established in 1892 in a building erected especially for this purpose by Mr. Walbrun. The product is cane bottoms for chairs of which 1,500 are made per day. Fifteen hands are given steady employment, and much of the work is shipped to chair manufacturing points. Mr. Walbrun was born near Milwaukee, but has lived in Menasha since boyhood and for many years prior to the removal of the Wester chair factory from this city had charge of the caning department. Orders for local custom work are filled, and Mr. Walbrun also sells chairs in considerable quantities for the Webster Manufacturing Co. of Superior.