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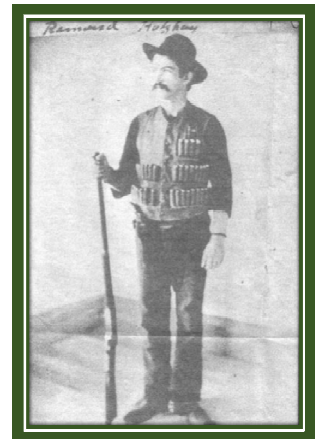
A STORY FROM THE MUSEUM ARCHIVES

THE STORY OF REIMUND HOLZHAY

January 6 1911 ~ O.C. Reporter-
 Holzhay is well known to many residents of this county. It is believed that his first hold-up was committed between Pulcifer and Gillett, when he robbed the mail carrier between these two places. Holzhay was at the time staying in Pulcifer. The post office was in a general store and a star route was maintained between there and Gillett. One evening Holzhay, with a number of others, was sitting in the store and chatting over current events when the mail carrier started for Gillett. Soon after he had left Holzhay started out of the store. In half an hour or so he returned and resumed the conversation, and in a little while the mail carrier ran into the store, greatly excited, and reported that he had encountered a highway-man who had robbed the mail. No one suspected Holzhay, who was much the coolest man in the crowd and who started out with the others in search of the bold highway-man, who, however, was not captured that night. The road between Pulcifer and Gillett, soon after leaving Pulcifer, goes around a bunch of hardwood timber known as Milledge woods. It was owned by Ed Milledge of

Oconto. Holzhay, being familiar with the lay of the country, cut across the woods, diagonally, and headed the carrier off. After robbing two trains in Wisconsin—one on the Wisconsin Central and one on the Milwaukee road — holding up three stage coaches in Shawano County, and committing other crimes in this state, Holzhay shot and killed A.E. Fleishbein, a Minneapolis banker at Lake Gogebic, across the Wisconsin line in Northern Michigan. For this crime he was sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

~ The rest of the story is continued in the booklet .



Side Note: Years Gone By in Gillett Times: “Gottlieb Naas was a pioneer mail carrier, transporting mail with horse and buggy from Mosling to Pulcifer. He was held up by a bandit near Horseshoe Hill on one of these trips.”

HELP WRITE THE NEWSLETTER!

We are looking for people who have memories of Gillett. Stories of people (school teachers?); stories of places (library?) or about things (remember the old water tower in the park?), families (remember “growing up in Gillett?”),

Or any events that meant something to you.

Short stories would be great. Suitable for printing in this newsletter.

E-mail your thoughts to:

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CALENDAR

<p>JUN 10 - SUNDAY—1PM-4PM EVENT—TRACTORS; KNX PARTY BAND; FOOD; & MORE</p>	<p>JULY 4—LITTLE RED CAR AT AUTO SHOW IN ZIPPLE PARK AFTER PARADE</p>	<p>AUGUST 18 - 21 OCONTO COUNTY FAIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY www.ocontocountyfair.org</p>
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Sunday July 10th Event

Gillett Area Historical Society is holding its annual Ice Cream Social & Antique Tractor Show on Sunday, July 10, 2016, at the Museum, 110 West Main Street, Gillett, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show is open to all entrants. Parking will be available in Zipple Park on North McKenzie Street, with wagon rides to the Museum available. Otherwise, it's a 2-3 block walk. Brats, burgers, booyah, water, soda, and beer will be available for purchase at the Museum.

The Ice Cream Social will be held in the screen porch and tent behind the Museum. The KNX Party Band will play from 1 to 4 p.m.



Tractors will be displayed along Garden Street. After you vote for your favorite, the judging will be at 2:30 p.m. The winning tractors will be featured in a calendar for the coming year. All proceeds from the judging and sale of calendars will go toward sponsoring a scholarship for Gillett High School seniors.

~ Submitted by Heather Fifield

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One thing about a porch swing you never have to figure out how many miles per gallon.

And many a girl marries the wrong man because the right one failed to ask her.

A Loud Hint

Lady—Gracious, why are you yelling like that?
 Boy—A nice old lady like you gave me a nickel yesterday to stop yelling like this.

Taking No Chances.

"Oh, the sorrow of it!" sobbed the fair maid. "Last night I refused Mr. Blank and this morning his body was found in the river."
 "Poor fellow!" murmured her girl friend. "I suppose he was afraid you might change your mind."

Always Getting Stuck.

Stubb—What is Cogwood doing since he bought his new automobile?
 Penn—Following the horses.
 Stubb—Ah, playing the races, eh?
 Penn—No, following the farm horses that tow his machine to town every time it breaks down.

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Get Set! Go!

George: "The boss offered me an interest in the business today."
 Phil: "He did?"
 George: "Yes. He said that if I didn't take an interest in it pretty soon he'd fire me."
 —Telephone News.

HIISTORY OF THE WOODENWARE INDUSTRY IN GILLETT

A short history of the woodenware/plywood industry, beginning in 1903 in Gillett, has been compiled from information from the museum archives, and other sources. The portable display stand was constructed by Don Pederson, and is currently in the Carriage House at the museum.

Can you name all of the companies that were in Gillett? Hint: At *least* 8, possibly 3 others, although they may have been short lived!



. THE WOODENWARE COMPANY—1903 TO WARVEL PRODUCTS—2013

TIME CARD				Week ending	18	1939
W. W. SMITH CO.						
MON.	7	A.M. to 12	1234	P.M. to 5	Hrs.	9 1/2
TUE.	7	A.M. to 12	1230	P.M. to 5	Hrs.	9 1/2
WED.	7	A.M. to 12	1230	P.M. to 5	Hrs.	9 1/2
THU.	6:30	A.M. to 12	1230	P.M. to 5	Hrs.	10
FRI.	6:30	A.M. to 12	1230	P.M. to 5	Hrs.	10
SAT.	7	A.M. to 12		P.M. to	Hrs.	5
SUN.		A.M. to		P.M. to	Hrs.	
				TOTAL HOURS 83 1/2		
Over time requested				1 1/2	Hrs. at 32 1/2	per H 32 1/2
By: <i>W. W. Smith</i>				1 1/2	Hrs. at 49	per H 49
				1939		
This is a true statement of actual time worked by the undersigned.						
<i>Richard Thomas</i>						

NEWS FROM THE PAST ~ TIMES-HERALD JUNE 30 1963

Older Autos Sparkle In Gillett Museum

GILLETT — In one of the fair exhibition buildings in Gillett's City Park is a collection of old cars & pleasing to the eye as are the mirror bright 1963 models in any showroom. The collection is that of Pete Warvel, owner of Warvel Products, Inc. Gillett. The antique car museum opened to the public on Wednesday.

Officers of the Gillett Industrial Development Corp. sponsors of the museum have announced that the museum is open daily including Sun., from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. It was also announced by G. I.D.C. officials that space has been provided for overnight trailer parking and tenting in the park for a one dollar per day fee plus fifty cents if electricity is desired. There will be a concession stand

open daily where popcorn, ice cream, soda and etc. can be purchased. All facilities in the park are open to the public.

Mr. Warvel is widely known for his collection of vintage autos, a collection which he started gathering more than 5 years ago.

More than 20 cars are on exhibit in the museum. They cover more than a half century of automobile history and some of its most exciting chapters.

Oldest vehicle in the gallery is a 1904 1 cylinder Reo. The price originally was \$650. There are other choice models, such as the 1910 Sears Auto Buggy, 1910 Reo Touring 1911 Cadillac, 1914 Model T Ford, 1915 Saxon Roadster, 1918 Metz Touring, 1920 Marmon

Coupe, 1924 Model T Roadster, 1927 Chevrolet 4 door Sedan, 1928 Ford Model A Tudor, 1929 Ford Model A Coupe, 1930 Ford Model A roadster, 199 Ford V-8, 1936 Packard Convertible Coupe, 1930 Model 5 Dusenbergl Convertible sedan, 1932 Buick Coupe, 1949 MG-TC English Sports Car and a 1950 Jeepster.

Mr. Warvel's Dusenbergl finished 2nd in the grand classic at Indianapolis last year and placed second in Milwaukee last Sunday. The original price of this car was \$15,000.

The Jeepster that you'll see in the museum was America's last touring car and the MG-TC English Sports Car was the one that made the world sports car conscious.

Additional antique cars will be added to the collection during the summer. Mr. Warvel announced. In addition to these older autos, many other antique items will be seen in the museum.

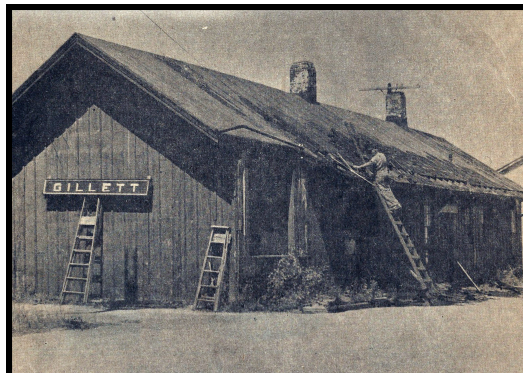
All of these antique cars are in excellent running condition with the exception of the Cadillac. This car was not restored so that the public could view it as it was originally. Most of this fine restoration work in these antique cars was done by employees of Warvel Products, Inc. in Gillett.

Donald Pederson will be in charge of the museum and other concessions in the park. The admission fee to the Museum is adults 50 cents, 12 to 18 years olds 25 cents and children under 11 years old 10 cents.



RAILROADING THROUGH GILLETT

The Railroad Exhibit in the Carriage House at the Museum has several items relating to the railroad through Gillett, including a clock from the Gillett depot, signs from the tracks and several pictures taken during the time of the railroad in Gillett. Included in the exhibit is the original "Gillett" sign from the side of the depot.



A small booklet has been compiled of news items and photos of railroading in the Gillett area.

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BOOKLETS, BOOKLETS, BOOKLETS!

The following booklets, related to the Gillett Area are available at the museum for perusing. Some of these can be re-printed for a donation!

Check out the "bookcase" in the front foyer closet!

Bullfrog Avenue
Bud Quade Remembers
The Frank Country School
Gem Theater Memories
Gentz Flower Shoppe
Gillett Canning Company
Gillett Cement Products
History of Zahn's Garage
John Klemp- Gillett's First Blacksmith
Linwood Years
Memories of Mosling
Moonshine Stills of the Gillett Area
Parkside Dairy
Railroading Through Gillett
Ramblings of a Rambler
Memories of Paul Brandemuehl
Service Station

Story of Benjamin Goldberg
The Sorensen Family History/Pop Factory

A Short History of Rodney S Gillett
Francis Cook Bradbury Writings
Gillett Fire Dept Records~1905
Gillett Fire Dept Records~1929-1930
Gillett Fire Dept Records~ 1948-1955
Herman Krueger Family History
Back Home Again Birthday Party
(Photo pages)

Gillett Area Snippets
Life & Times of Walter W Smith
Paranormal Activity at the Museum
Wagner Gas & Electric
Warvel's Antique Cars
(Photo pages)

Backyard Gardens at 110 W Main
(Photo pages)
Jay Simpson ~ The Rest of the Story
Gillett WWII Veterans ~KIA/MIA
Harold Smith ~ from Hintz to Chicago
Tribune WWII War Correspondent
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