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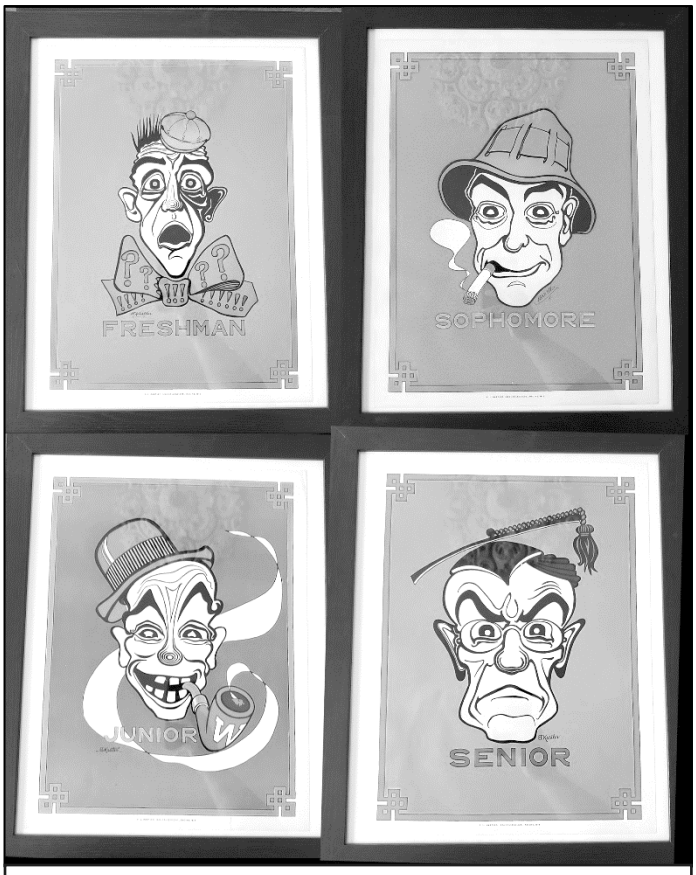
With Appreciation

The cover story in Preservation Racine's Winter 2022 Newsletter was about **A Surprise Visit,** when Ellen and Robert Nelson came to tour Blake House and brought gifts once owned by the Lucius Blake family – a Bible and a teapot from the family silver service engraved Mrs. L. S. Blake. Ellen is the great-great granddaughter of Lucius Sawyer Blake and Caroline Elliot Blake. What a wonderful surprise to receive an email on May 16, 2023 from Ellen's cousin, Suzi Janowiak, another descendent of Lucius and Caroline Blake. She and her husband, Mark, had been in Racine on a previous trip and had driven by Blake House, but they did not have an opportunity to see the inside of the house. On June 27, Bob and Ellen came from Madison, Wisconsin and Mark and Suzi came from New Glarus to tour Blake House and meet some Preservation Racine representatives. George Mangold, a descendant of another line of Blakes, archivist Debbie Yale, president Pippin Michelli and Vivian Merlo. The family brought photographs to share and Preservation Racine shared information we had on file about the Blake family. Mark and Suzi also brought gifts for Blake House. They brought the silver waste bowl from the above-mentioned tea service along with four charming-colored caricatures, one of them dated 1910, drawn by another member of the Blake family, signed E.L. Kastler. Who was he? Each of the pictures shows an image of Edward Kastler, as he saw himself: as a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior when a student at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. The Racine City Directory shows Edward's family living at 1824 College Avenue with his mother, father and two brothers. His father is listed as a department manager at Horlick's Malted Milk Company. Margo Drummond found, while researching history for her book on William Horlick, E.P. Kastler was one of the original signers of the Articles of Organization for "the business and purposes of which corporation shall be to engage in, conduct and promote all kinds of games and athletic sports, both those played indoor and outdoor, and more particularly to engage in, conduct and manage clubs and teams to play baseball, polo, cricket and other kinds of athletics and to engage in, conduct and manage teams and clubs to play whist and to conduct a band, gun club and other like businesses and games"… E.P. (Edward Paul) Kastler served as a pall bearer at William Horlick's funeral (each pall bearer was provided a pair of white kid gloves). William Horlick left $5,000 in his will to E. P. Kastler.



Self-portrait caricatures by E.L. Kastler, donated by descendants of the Blake family.

In *Whose Who in Engineering*, we find the following: “Edward L. Kastler, Holt Mfg. Co. Res. … N. California Street, Stockton California – Mechanical Engineer b. Chicago, Illinois 1888 to Edward P. and Bertha L. (Montonya) Kastler. B.S. & M.E. University of Wisconsin. Married in Racine, Wis. 1918, Stella M. Blake. He worked on aviation engines, chief engineer on design of tractor motors and caterpillar tractors since 1916. Holt & Co., Stockton, California.” In the *Official Gazette of United States Patent Office* we find, “Assigner of one half to H. G. Fawcett, Stockton, California, combination Igniter and fuel injector.” (Stella Blake was the granddaughter of Lucius and Caroline Blake, and daughter of his son, Adoniram Judson Blake and Clara Fiedler Blake.

Preservation Racine is thankful for these generous gifts and to the families who have thought of us. We are looking forward to sharing these gifts with our members and the Racine community during this year’s Tour of Historic Places.

Our cup is running over! Faithbridge Church has thought of Preservation Racine by gifting us the beautiful colored picture of the Erskine-Crosby Mansion that has been on display in their Memorial Lounge since the church was built at 212 11th Street. The Erskine-Crosby mansion was razed to accommodate the building of this church, which has now combined with the Faithbridge Church in Franksville, Wisconsin. For more information on the Erskine-Crosby Mansion, please see Preservation Racine’s Spring 2023 newsletter. Thank you to Faithbridge Church for thinking of us.

--Vivian Merlo

The Racine League Football Team

Now that football season is rapidly approaching, I would like to test your football knowledge with a simple true or false test. Ready? Here goes...

- Racine once had an NFL team.
- The same team was the forerunner of the present-day Detroit Lions.

Had you answered yes to both of these statements, you would have been correct. Yes, Racine really did have an official NFL team back in the mid-1920s, and yes, it was eventually moved to Detroit. In order to understand the events which shaped Racine's entry into the NFL, we'll have to go back in time to the early 1920s when professional football was, for the most part, just getting started. (The NFL name wasn't even in existence. The league at the time was known as the American Professional Football Association.)

In 1921, George "Babe" Ruetz, acting on behalf of American Legion Post 76, acquired the rights to a football franchise for Racine for the 1922 season, paying a fee of only $100 for a professional football membership. With sponsorship from the local American Legion post and from William Horlick, the official name of the team was the Horlick-Racine Legion. Ruetz, and other members of the Racine Legion committee, were convinced that professional football could be played in baseball parks that would normally stand idle at the end of the baseball season. Racine was now ready to enjoy pro football in the form of the Racine Legion.

On October 1, 1922, nearly 3000 fans packed Horlick Field to see the Legion take on George Halas's Chicago Bears. Yes, the Bears (then known as the Staleys) shut out the home team 6 to 0. The remaining games were played in cold, rainy weather

which caused overall attendance to fall short of the 1400 needed to break even financially.

The American Legion operated the team for 3 seasons until 1924, when it was turned over to the Racine Exchange Club. Because of this transition, Racine did not field a team in 1925. In 1926, Racine once again operated in the pro circuit, but with a new name: the Racine Tornados. Unfortunately, this was to be the last year of professional football for Racine. They won only one game for their final season. Eventually, the franchise was yielded to Portsmouth, Ohio and, on June 30 of 1934, was once again moved, this time to Detroit, where the team has remained ever since.

Out story doesn't end here, however. I'm sure many of you are wondering how the Legion did against the Packers for the short time they played together. Well, of all the great teams that competed against the Legion, the games involving the Packers were the liveliest. The overall record turned out to be a tie for the first 3 years of play, with a 3-3-2 standoff. Then in 1926, the final year of a Racine team, the Packers embarrassed the Tornados with a 35-0 blowout.

It's interesting to note that Hank Gillo, the team captain and star running back for the Legion, was paid the enormous sum of $1500 per season. How times have changed!

The Legion compiled a 6-4-1 record in 1922, finishing sixth in an 18-team league. The following year saw their record slip to a 4-4-2 mark. During the 1924 season, the Racine team finished seventh in an 18-team race, with a 4-3-2 record.

Even though Racine had a big-time football team for only a short period of time, it enabled us to compete with other NFL teams here in Racine. It certainly was fun while it lasted!

--Jim Mercier

Made in Racine – Electric Washing Machines

Anyone up for a quick pop quiz? Ok, well, here goes...

Which of these products were NOT made in Racine?

a) cigars
b) ironing boards
c) electric washing machines
d) sad irons
e) alarm clocks

For those of you who guessed electric washing machines...unfortunately, that is not correct! And as far as I know, we never made alarm clocks in the Belle City. However, we DID make electric washing machines here at one time, and the company that actually developed and manufactured them was the Arnold Electric Company, one of many electric appliance manufacturers that called Racine home (Hamilton Beach being the largest and best known). So, let's further our knowledge of Racine's history and read on!

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ARNOLD ELECTRIC WASHER

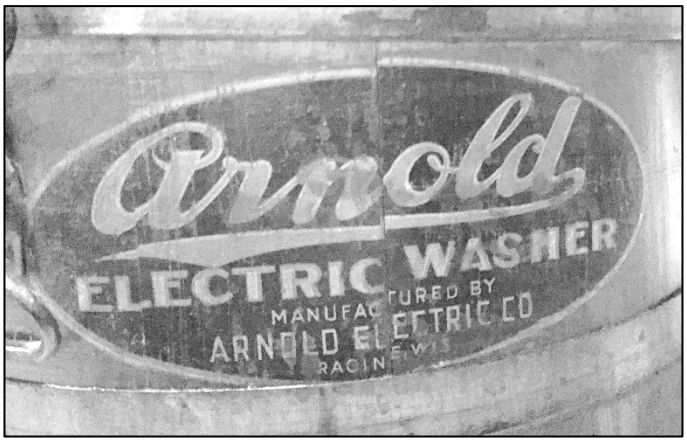
BULLETIN 540 FORM 540

LIST PRICE $[illegible] $75.00

The *Arnold* is a rapid, thorough washer and wringer and *absolutely and always safe.* We positively guarantee that our patented construction enables the finest or heaviest fabrics to be washed absolutely clean and without injury. Sent anywhere on a liberal *Free Trial Offer.*

FEB 19 Rec'd

The Arnold Electric Company, was organized by Fred Osius way back in 1904, but was called the United States Standard Electric Works at that time. Reorganized in 1915 as the Arnold Electric Compamy, they made a variety of small electrical appliances for household use. They are credited with developing and marketing the first small vacuum cleaner, as well as the portable massage vibrator, hair dryer and the electric drink mixer. In 1931 however, Arnold Electric was purchased by Hamilton Beach.



So, what was it like to wash clothes about a hundred years ago? I can tell you this much...it was one of the most hated chores in running a household! Back then, clothes were washed on a weekly basis, with Monday being the designated wash day. AND it took most of the day! This process involved using large, galvanized tin wash tubs with soapy hot water in one and rinse water in another. A washboard would have been used to scrub the clothes clean on the ridges of the board. After soaking the dirty clothes in the hot soapy water, the lady of the house would have to scrub each article of clothing vigorously (yes, one at a time!) until clean. Then the wet, heavy clothes would be transferred to the rinse tub. The next step would be to twist each article of clothing to remove the water, and finally, to a mangle in order to remove excess water by wringing out the clean clothes. In addition, you had to keep a large kettle or pot of water boiling on a constant basis. Sound like something you would like to do? I DON'T THINK SO!

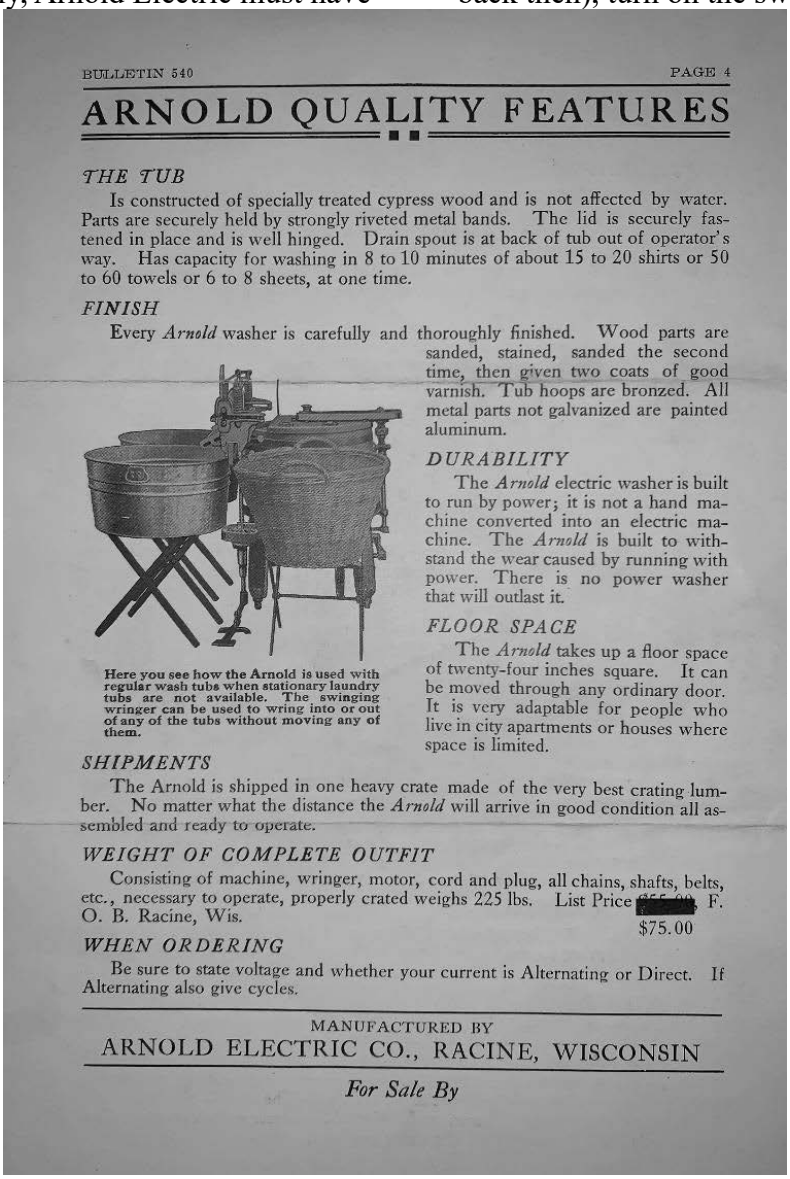
However, there were ways around doing this horrible job. If you were affluent, and had hired help around the house, this job would have been given to the maid. OR, you could have your dirty wash sent out to commercial laundries. Some middle-class households actually paid for a laundress to come to their homes and spend most of the day doing the dirty laundry. A hard but necessary job!

Now, if you think you could have relaxed a little the following day, guess again...Tuesdays were reserved for ironing!

Someone must have believed in the old proverb that states, "necessity is the mother of invention", since making laundry day a little easier was certainly more than a necessity. Enter the THOR electric clothes washer which was sold commercially way back in 1908, and generally credited with being the first one on the market. This early machine held dirty laundry

in a metal drum, which actually heated the water and then rotated and agitated the wash until clean.

However, these early machines were quite expensive and were initially sold only to commercial establishments and institutions (such as large hotels and hospitals). Evidently, Arnold Electric must have been aware of the same proverb, since they began selling their own product as early as 1917 for $75 (equivalent to over $1200 today!). According to their brochure, "The value of an Arnold Electric Washer in the home is obvious to everyone. The Arnold saves time, saves money, and best of all, saves the woman. Washing with an Arnold compares with the old-style method of washing as a modern harvesting machine compares with a farmer reaping grain by hand. An Arnold will earn its cost in a remarkable short time by the saving effected on wear and tear of clothing alone. The Arnold will help solve your servant question. With an Arnold, no chemicals or acids are used, therefore clothes will last much longer, and the washing is done in your own home, under sanitary conditions. No expense, no hard work, and no worry!"



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ARNOLD QUALITY FEATURES

THE TUB

Is constructed of specially treated cypress wood and is not affected by water. Parts are securely held by strongly riveted metal bands. The lid is securely fastened in place and is well hinged. Drain spout is at back of tub out of operator's way. Has capacity for washing in 8 to 10 minutes of about 15 to 20 shirts or 50 to 60 towels or 6 to 8 sheets, at one time.

FINISH

Every *Arnold* washer is carefully and thoroughly finished. Wood parts are sanded, stained, sanded the second time, then given two coats of good varnish. Tub hoops are bronzed. All metal parts not galvanized are painted aluminum.

Here you see how the Arnold is used with regular wash tubs when stationary laundry tubs are not available. The swinging wringer can be used to wring into or out of any of the tubs without moving any of them.

DURABILITY

The *Arnold* electric washer is built to run by power; it is not a hand machine converted into an electric machine. The *Arnold* is built to withstand the wear caused by running with power. There is no power washer that will outlast it.

FLOOR SPACE

The *Arnold* takes up a floor space of twenty-four inches square. It can be moved through any ordinary door. It is very adaptable for people who live in city apartments or houses where space is limited.

SHIPMENTS

The Arnold is shipped in one heavy crate made of the very best crating lumber. No matter what the distance the *Arnold* will arrive in good condition all assembled and ready to operate.

WEIGHT OF COMPLETE OUTFIT

Consisting of machine, wringer, motor, cord and plug, all chains, shafts, belts, etc., necessary to operate, properly crated weighs 225 lbs. List Price [redacted], F. O. B. Racine, Wis. $75.00

WHEN ORDERING

Be sure to state voltage and whether your current is Alternating or Direct. If Alternating also give cycles.

MANUFACTURED BY

ARNOLD ELECTRIC CO., RACINE, WISCONSIN

For Sale By

They advertised that it only took about two hours to finish a load of family wash at a cost of only a few cents for electricity! They also stated that "the Arnold washer is so simple, easy, and safe to operate that even a child can run the machine and do as good work as a grown person". No more bending, scrubbing, lifting, stooping, and other hard and disagreeable work! AND, all you had to do was to attach the cord to any convenient light socket (yes, that is where you had to plug electrical gadgets in back then), turn on the switch, and relax! When the machine was finished, you simply fed the wet laundry into the wringer, which according to them, was absolutely safe to operate because of a foot pedal control. The wringer could be swung over any stationary laundry tub, which eliminated the lifting of clothes from one place to another.

How does it work, you may be asking? Well, I'll let their brochure tell you..."the inside of the tub is corrugated like a washboard. Wooden fingers gently take hold of the clothes and force them through the soapy water and at the same time, rub them on the washboard sides and bottom of the tub". So, there you have it!

As a side note, this Arnold washing machine is so heavy (it weighs 225 pounds) that it took three strong guys to bring it downstairs to my basement as part of my collection. I would hate to be part of the crew bringing it back up someday!

Also, note that the original $55 price was blacked out to reflect a new price of $75. Talk about inflation!

--Jim Mercier

Preservation Racine Tour of Homes: A Stroll Down Memory Lane

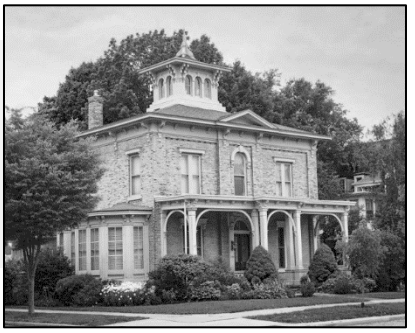
Sunday, September 24 2023 12:00 – 5:30 pm

Blake House
936 Main Street

The Tuscan or Italian Villa style house, popular in the mid-19th century, was built in 1868 for George and Roxilana Bull. They sold it to Caroline and Lucius Blake in 1873. It remained in the Blake family until 1926. By 1976 it was slated to be razed; a group of four nonprofits saved the building with fundraising and volunteer labor. It is now owned by Preservation Racine it contains our office and archives. Join us to see our remodeling project and enjoy a piece of cake to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Jones/Olin House
1144 Main Street

This elegant, cream brick Italianate style house was built for John and Mary Jones in 1868. Lucas Bradley, Racine's first architect, designed and built the house. The framed full front porch and belvedere are Racine icons.



Lee/Hart House
1202 Main Street

Built in 1881 for Charles and Emily Lee in a variant of the Queen Anne style called Eastlake. The fourth owners were John S. and Hannah Hart; he was the grandson of Lucius Blake. They purchased the house in 1929 and it remained in the family into the 21st century.

St. Catherine's High School
1200 Park Avenue

Completed in 1924 the school is looking forward to the 100th anniversary of the original building designed by (Francis) Barry Byrne. An internationally known ecclesiastical and educational building architect used broad expanses of wall and column-like brickwork to suggest a soaring Gothic structure.

Klinkert Brewery Display
St. Catherine's High School, 1200 Park Avenue

Join us in the cafeteria of St. Catherine's High School to explore the history of the Klinkert Brewery, which produced beer in Racine from 1848 until prohibition in the 1920's. Browse Jim Mercier's collection of Klinkert memorabilia, including advertising, bottles, barrels, and more.

St. Catherine's Alumni House
1220 Villa Street

The commercial building was built in the early 1910s by with two storefronts and rental units on the second floor. Many diverse businesses have occupied the ground-level. After gradually sliding into urban decay, Charles Wood spearheaded its renovation with other St. Cat's alumni. Come tour a piece of southeast Racine's history and feel the commitment and community that is the St. Catherine's Alumni House.

August & Julia Frank House
1520 College Avenue

There is so much fun new information - and hearsay - about this wonderful house. From its original color and design inspiration, through its S.C. Johnson parquet floors, its mysterious Egyptian mummy, bomb shelter, and unexpectedly prolific rabbits to its sequence of devoted owners there is a lot to enjoy and see.

Dr. Walter & Agnes Roth House
218 – 16th Street

The Roths built this Georgian revival in 1940 in a simpler New England style. It included a north wing for the doctor's medical practice. Sold in 1970, two more doctors have subsequently owned this handsome house.

Arne and Carrie Field House
1747 College Avenue

This house was built c1892 for Norwegian born tailor Arne Field and his wife Carrie. It is a reserved Queen Anne with gables and varied surfaces. Its classic features are seen in the pedimented porch roof and rectangular posts.

Advance Ticket Price: $15
Advance Ticket Sales Locations, available until September 23, 2023:
Borzynski's Farm and Floral Market, 11600 Washington Avenue, Sturtevant
Milaeger's, 4838 Douglas Avenue – and – 8717 Highway 11, Sturtevant

Miller's Flowers, 219 – 6th Street
O&H Bakeries, 4917 Douglas Avenue – and – 4006 Durand Avenue – and – 5910 Washington Avenue
Personal Touch Flowers by Julie, 5445 Spring Street
Racine Heritage Museum, 701 Main Street
Uncorkt, 240 Main Street
Wilson's Coffee & Tea, 3306 Washington Avenue

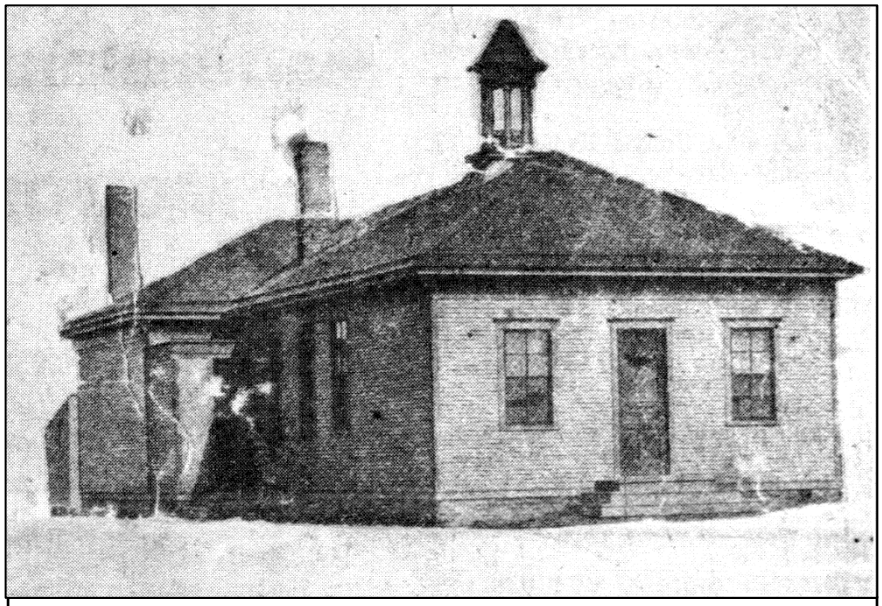
Day of Tour Ticket Price: $20
Ticket Station: Blake House, 936 Main Street

Thank you! We appreciate the site owners for opening their doors for this event. We thank our members, Brad Jaeck and Carol Hansen of Photographic Design, and the community organizations and businesses who come together to make this day a success.

A Lakeside Institution

We are printing, in its entirety, Matt Sadowski's original article on 2343 Mead Street. It was written for the 2022 Century Buildings celebration, but it proved too lengthy to include. We promised to print it in the future, so here it is.

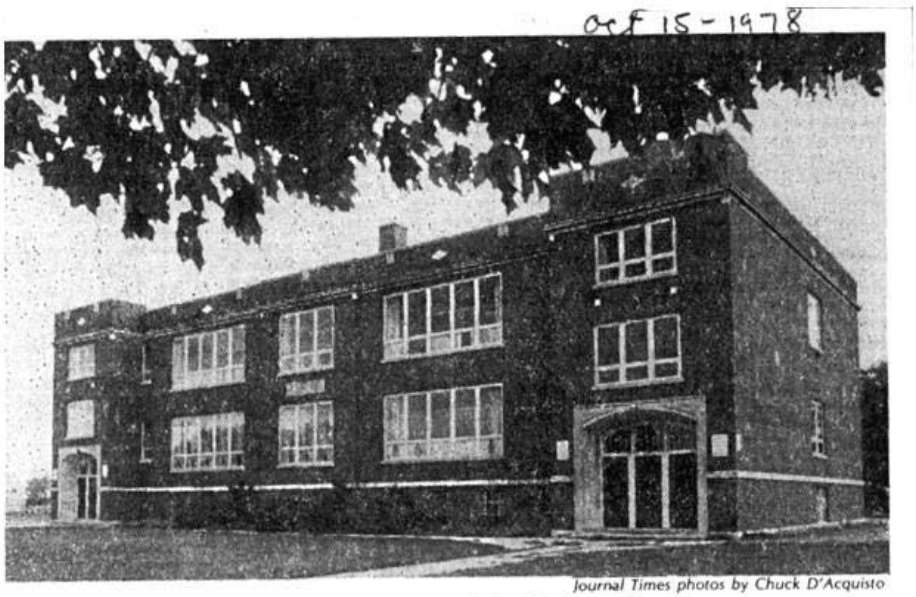
What began 1901 as an unassuming, wooden clapboard sided, one story, one room, hip roofed vernacular schoolhouse located at the southern terminus of the T.M.E.R&L. Co. trolley line at 2339 Mead Street (later 2341, 2343) soon evolved into a conduit to the American dream.



Lakeside School showing rear addition, 1909.

Step back in time to circa 1899 when the lands of several prominent Racinians, the likes of Case, Bull and Doolittle, were consolidated under the Lakeside Land Company and platted as Lakeside Addition and Lakeside Addition No. 2. The tracts, totaling approximately 50 acres, are bounded by 21st Street on the north, 24th Street on the south, Howe Street on the east, and the then Chicago-Western & Northwestern Railroad tracks to the west. However, the area, eventually known simply as Lakeside, eventually came to encompass lands eastward to Lake Michigan.

With this area of the Mt. Pleasant Township rapidly developing as a manufacturing district adjacent to the thriving city of Racine, the Lakeside Additions responded to the need for workers' housing near places of employment. In total, 15 blocks and 223 lots were platted, with the majority developed as residential properties. In kind, with the anticipated influx of families and their children, the Lakeside School District No. 13 of Mt. Pleasant was formed and lots 19 and 22 in Block 21 of Lakeside Addition were reserved for a school.



Journal Times photos by Chuck D'Acquisto

The "new" Lakeside School is for sale

Lakeside School quickly established its legacy as a place of education, entertainment, culture, citizenship, nourishment, fellowship, and opportunity. It initially brought together Italians and Hungarians, but over time Mexicans, Polish people, Russians, Germans and African Americans also settled in Lakeside, seeking a better life through employment and education for themselves and for their children.

The school building hosted many events, including graduations,

community meetings and plays. The Lakeside School Players operettas became so popular that, in 1915, performances moved to Stephen Bull School to accommodate the large audiences. Industries flourished, more families arrived, and the school was bursting at the seams despite constructing a rear addition, a second story, and an additional building to the north. School overcrowding became such a concern that, by 1920, when bids to construct a new school came in over budget, the Lakeside Boosters voted to become a village to overcome Mt. Pleasant tax levy limits. Funding was eventually secured, village status was avoided, construction began in 1922, and in September of 1923 the new ten room Lakeside School opened at 2317 Howe Street.

By 1929, Achilles and Mary Totero had purchased the school building from the district. The Toteros constructed a storefront addition, converted classrooms into a tavern and residential units, and, by 1939, established Totero's tavern. Thus began a 75 year, multi-generational family tradition of providing education, entertainment, nourishment, fellowship, community and opportunity for the Lakeside neighborhood. And as the warm and inviting reputation spread, so spread the broader Totero community.

On June 26, 2014 the Totero's family served their last meals at 2343 Mead Street, and in 2016 sold the property to contractor Jeff Cady. Mr. Cady began the process of renovating and updating the building. The exterior of the building was brought back to its 1930s appearance by removing asphalt siding to expose the original clapboard siding. The building was painted, energy efficient windows were installed, mechanical systems were updated, and residential units were upgraded. Alex Hanesakda now leases the restaurant space and has renovated the kitchen, dining and bar areas, adding a pergola to the south side of the building to accommodate outside dining for his restaurant, SapSap, which opened in 2021.

In the tradition of the building providing a space for opportunity and community, Mr. Hanesakda works closely with the adjacent neighborhood, and with veterans organizations to provide employment, nourishment and PengPeng ("to lovingly care for" in Laotian). Jeff is a veteran, and Alex is a Laotian refugee having come to the United State as a young child with his family. Alex's father was a soldier, fighting alongside American soldiers in Southeast Asia.

While the trolley line service is long gone, the new owner and the occupant continue to serve the Lakeside community.

--Matt Sadowski

March 2022 view of 2343 Mead Street (aka 2339, 2341).

From the President

What a hot summer! This heat makes it hard to sit down and get to work, researching, contacting people, and so forth, but it had to be done for the Preservation Racine's Tour of Historic Places – our 46th. It's going to be a great tour! I'm really excited about some info I have confirmed and discovered about 1520 College Avenue. I hear from other house captains that they have made some interesting discoveries too. You'll see some teasers set out in the center spread of this newsletter and they are a series of gorgeous places!

Another exciting piece of news is that Reichert Court, at the river mouth, including the Captain's house and the Coast Guard station, have been acquired by Ken and Dan Kaiser who are concerned to restore both those buildings, and the boat house, to historic accuracy. Ken contacted Preservation Racine to help make sure he did not make blunders in his restorations, as he feels strongly they should be done right! He also has at least a couple of hundred photos of the Reichert Court area dating back to Pugh's time and has promised to share them with us. Meanwhile, Larry Dickerson, whose grandfather and great uncle were coastguards, has been able to share a few photos with the Kaisers in return. We will be in continuing contact with Ken and Dan to help get them the information and protocols they need to get this project right. When appropriate progress has been made, we have been promised a membership program to view the results.

The Kaisers also own the riverside land all the way up to Main Street, which includes the two restaurants Booster's Buoy and John's Dock (now the Chart-room and Bridgetender Tavern, respectively) that used to be so popular. Ken is already working on those, as he says the reason he bought all this land is to revive those Friday fish fries and Sunday broasted chicken dinners that he misses so much. We wish the Kaisers every success in both ventures – the historical restoration and the commercial restaurants – and are so pleased that they decided to take all this on!

May the rest of the summer be a good one for all of us!

--Pippin Michelli

LOOKING FORWARD TO UPCOMING PROGRAMS

A NIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE
Mound Cemetery
Monday, August 28, 2023
7:00 pm

Preservation Racine is looking forward to a program at Mound Cemetery with actors who will present us with their versions of some of the notable persons of Racine who are interred in the cemetery.

On September 11, 2004 a Civil War themed tour was held to raise money for the decorative iron fencing to surround Historic Mound Cemetery. As 300 tour-goers looked on, seventeen re-enactors shared their stories standing alongside their burial sites. Those stories included an abolitionist, two runaway slaves, Union soldiers, a Civil War nurse who was part Native American, and a Wisconsin U.S. Senator who was a friend and confidant of President Abraham Lincoln. At one site Victorian mourning customs were on display and at another a family picnic was being held, something that frequently took place at cemeteries during the Civil War. Also featured were members of the local Belle City Rifles, and a Confederate cannon captured during battle and later donated to the city by Henry S. Durand. For the August meeting of Preservation Racine, to be held at 7:00 pm at the Mound Cemetery Chapel, eight Racine Theater Guild actors will once again share those Civil War stories using the original scripts from the 2004 tour. "A Night of Remembrance" will be the program's theme.

The Mound Cemetery land has been the resting place for local individuals for over a thousand years since Native Americans who resided in the area created numerous such burial traditions. Only about 12 or 14 of these mounds remain today. In 1985 a Wisconsin law was enacted requiring a special permit from the Wisconsin Historical Society to disturb such a site. According to Wikipedia's modern history "The site of Mound Cemetery was first purchased in 1834 by Joseph Antoine Ouilmette, a fur trader believed to have been of French and Native American ancestry. It was sold in 1854 to white settlers Norman Clark and James Kinzie. At

the time of the sale, Ouilmette described the site as the 'burial place of his fathers', leaving the impression that the burial site had previously been utilized by the Potawatomi". On June 3, 1852, it was officially dedicated and became a landmark of Racine in 1976.

Thank you to the following people and organization members who have made all this happen: Author Margo Drummond, Coordinator Mary Waid, the Racine Theater Guild and Cynthy McCrory for costumes, the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Department of the City of Racine and to Crystal Weime as Office Manager of Mound and Graceland Cemeteries. Quite a lot of preparation has been done to accomplish this event. And a big thank you to the Racine Theater Guild and the actors who are going to share their skills on August 28: Forge Dwyer, Philip Evreniadis, Kevin Hlavka, Carl Lassiter, Suzanne Maki, Ryan Simonsen, Nate Stamper and Leo Waite. Our appreciation to Jim Sodke for the accompanying music.

--Linda Ingram Schubert with Margo Drummond and Mary Waid

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL TOUR OF HISTORIC PLACES
Sunday, September 24, 2023
12:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Eight buildings to be open to the public. Get your tickets soon.

ARCHIVES OF DEKOVEN
Monday, November 6, 2023
A presentation by John Magerus highlighting the history of the DeKoven Certer

A CIVIL WAR CHRISTMAS
Monday, December 4, 2023
An evening of remembrance and music presented by Gary Alexander.

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