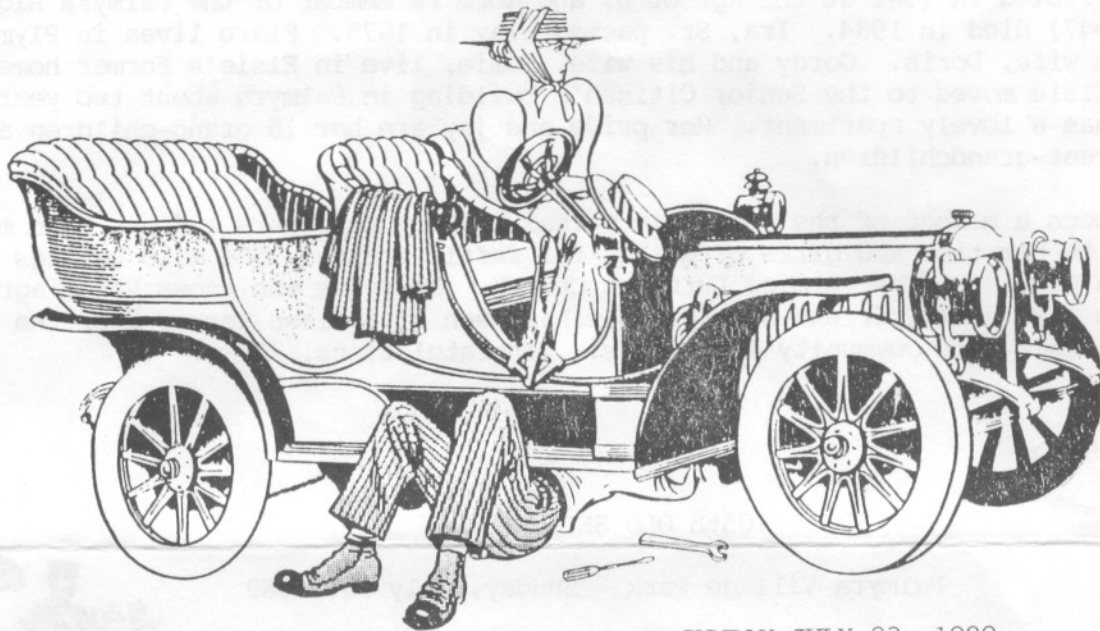


OLD SETTLERS EDITION



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SUNDAY JULY 23, 1989

WE ARE HONORING ELSIE FREDRICKSEN

Palmyra's honored "Old Settler" for 1989 is Elsie Fredricksen. Elsie Ingeborg Jorgensen was born October 27, 1905 on a farm near Green Bay to Nelse and Amelia (Sorenson) Jorgensen. Her parents were both Danish - her father coming to America as a boy of nine. She had 4 brothers and 3 sisters, all of whom are now deceased.

Elsie met her future husband, Ira Fredricksen, when her older sister married his brother. It is interesting to note that 3 brothers married 3 sisters. Ira was raised near Denmark, Wisconsin - which is about 10 miles from where Elsie grew up. They were married in Sparta in 1924, where they lived for a few years and where Ira worked for the Pet Milk Co. They came to Palmyra on February 18, 1928 when Ira was transferred here to work in the old Pet Milk condens-

ery. Elsie didn't know anyone in Palmyra, but soon became acquainted through church and school activities. At first she went to the Methodist Church, but as Ira had always been a Lutheran, she became a confirmed Lutheran in 1938 and has been a faithful worker in the church ever since, heading the Jr. League when her children were young and making innumerable quilts for the benefit of the church and its mission work in later years.

As time went on, Elsie helped her husband with his ice, coal and wood business. She also remembers the years in the 40's when they took in 'pickles' from local farmers, which were kept in vats of brine near the railroad tracks and later shipped to the Squire Dingee Pickle Company in Chicago. Later on, she worked a total of 17 years in local restaurants as a cook.



Elsie and Ira had a family of 4 boys: Ira, Jr. (Flare), Gordy, Norman, and Roger. Sadly, Roger died in 1942 at the age of 6, and Norm (a member of the Palmyra High School Class of 1947) died in 1984. Ira, Sr. passed away in 1975. Flare lives in Plymouth, WI with his wife, Doris. Gordy and his wife, Susie, live in Elsie's former home in Palmyra. Elsie moved to the Senior Citizen's building in Palmyra about two years ago, where she has a lovely apartment. Her pride and joy are her 16 grand-children and her many great-grandchildren.

Elsie has been a member of the local historical society for years and has been most generous with her time and gifts of quilts for raffle prizes. She also belongs to the Rebecca Circle of the Palmyra Lutheran Church. Everyone who knows Elsie agrees that she is a wonderful friend and that she has been a tireless worker over the years for many of Palmyra's community activities. Congratulations, Elsie!

105th OLD SETTLERS DAY

Palmyra Village Park - Sunday, July 23, 1989

Honoring ELSIE FREDRICKSEN

Pot Luck Dinner at 1:00 p.m.

Bring Dish to Pass & your own table service.

Beverages and ice cream will be furnished.

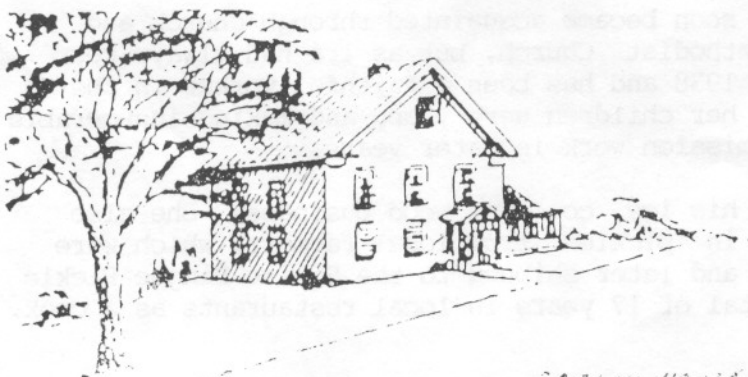
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