



July 1990

PRESENTING THE HONORED OLD SETTLERS FOR 1990



WILLIAM H. (BILL) AND ELEANORE WILLIAMS

Bill Williams was born in Scranton, PA on December 5, 1912. When he was six months old, his family moved to West Allis, WI. Later they moved to a small farm halfway between Palmyra and Little Prairie.

Bill attended the one room school in Little Prairie. He completed the seventh and eighth grades in one year and went to Elkhorn to write the tests for graduation. He attended Palmyra High School, graduation in 1929. He left home to work on a farm during those years. Later, he took an apprenticeship as a patternmaker at Allis Chalmers in West Allis for about three and a half years. However, these were the deep depression years and during the last year and a half, he worked one week on and two weeks off. So he took a job working in Tutton's Grocery in Palmyra.

Eleanore was born in Palmyra on April 6, 1914. Her first home was on Wilson St. where Bill and Lauretta Treloar now reside. Her parents were Harry (a building contractor) and Norma Melster (a former school teacher). Her Mother's parents were John and Irene Johnson Yeo. Irene died and at the age of six months, Norma was adopted by Timothy and Mary Mortier Morris of Palmyra. Her Dad's parents were Rudolph and Lena Melster who resided on Main St. in Palmyra. Her paternal grandparents were both of German extraction and spent their early years in Milwaukee. Her Mother could trace her ancestry on the Yeo side back to England. Her ancestors came from a town called Yeoville, which has a John Yeo Mall--the name of both her father and grandfather.

Eleanore attended the public schools in Palmyra and was graduated from Palmyra High School in 1931. She received a degree from Whitewater State Teacher's College (now UWM-Whitewater) in 1935. She was a teacher of business subjects for two years in Sun Prairie.

Bill and Eleanore were married on June 26, 1937, and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary three years ago. They lived in the Milwaukee area for nine years and moved back to Palmyra in 1946. While in Milwaukee Bill worked at Froedert Grain and Malting and the Cleaver Brooks Co. When they returned to Palmyra, they built a new home, moved in on Christmas Eve of 1951 and are there for eternity, according to Bill. Eleanore was a substitute teacher in Palmyra for seven years and a full-time teacher for eight more.



Their family circle consists of two sons: Tim and Terry. Tim is a professor at Albion College in Michigan; Terry works for Dun-Edward Paint Co. in southern California. In 1965 Tim married Brigitte Thomas in Arzbert, Germany. She came back with Tim in 1966 to join the family circle. They have two children: Lynn, a recent graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas; and Mark, who will be a junior at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. (This is the college where the former Cheryl Evans and her husband are teachers).

Congratulations to Bill and Eleanore for all their years of community service. May they continue to enjoy their home with its garden of bounty and its apiary. Bill has a honey business and keeps busy as a bee.

The Fisk Carlin House will be open:

1:30-3:30 pm

July: 1, 7, 15, 22, 28.

August: 4, 12, 18, 26.

Or by appointment: Call 414-495-2543, 495-2349, 473-7354



OLD SETTLERS PICNIC

The annual Old Settlers picnic will be held at the Palmyra Village Park. Dinner will be at noon and the program will start around 2 pm.

Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

Beverages will be provided.

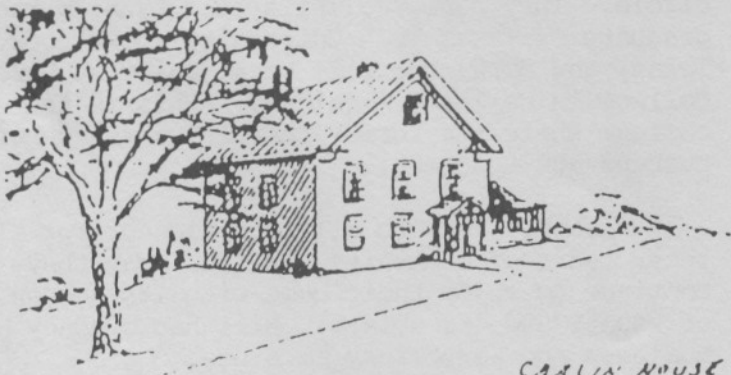
Buttons of the honored old settlers and historical society publications will be for sale.

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