



CARLIN HOUSE

PALMYRA OLD SETTLERS

100 YEARS

JULY 21 & 22, 1984

SPONSORED BY THE OLD SETTLERS COMMITTEE OF THE
PALMYRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN COOPERATION WITH
THE SERVICE AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OF THE
VILLAGE OF PALMYRA

SATURDAY JULY 21

- 9:00 A.M. OLD FASHIONED DAY SALE
(Food - Rummage - Snack
Stands - Crafts - Merchant
Specials)
- 10:00 A.M. SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT at Park
- 12-6 P.M. LIONS' CHICKEN BAR-B-Q at Park
- 1:00 P.M. OLD FASHIONED COSTUME CONTEST
at THE CARLIN HOUSE
- 2:00 P.M. CIVIL WAR REGIMENT DRILL on
Main Street
- 3:00 P.M. PALMYRA FIRE DEPARTMENT WATER
FIGHT at Park
- 8:00 P.M. LIONS' DANCE at Park

SUNDAY JULY 22

CIVIL WAR REGIMENT ENCAMPMENT DISPLAY all
Morning

- 1:00 P.M. OLD SETTLERS POTLUCK PICNIC &
PROGRAM (Each family should
bring a dish to pass, sandwiches
& table service.
- 2:30 P.M. CIVIL WAR REGIMENT DRILL and/or
SKIRMISH.

Traditional celebrations are the hub of small town social activity. On July 22, 1984, Palmyra celebrates its 100th OLD SETTLERS DAY. On June 25, 1885, under the leadership of an early settler, O.P. Dow, a group of early settlers of the area held a small picnic meeting in Power's Grove in Palmyra. The result was the Wisconsin Old Settlers' Association. Messrs. Dow, Peardon, Wooster, Sherman and Weld were appointed to draft a constitution. It was voted that anyone coming into the state prior to 1855 was eligible for membership.

Over the succeeding years the celebration grew in size and activities with crowds occasionally numbering an estimated 5,000 to 10,000, depending upon whose report one places credence. Bands from neighboring communities and distances as far as the Great Lakes Naval Station entertained and the crowd was treated to the oratorical skills of numerous political figures of state and local fame. Bough covered business fronts and stands welcomed the shopper and eating emporiums were bustling with hungry visitors. OLD SETTLERS DAY had grown to banner proportions.

Now the activities have again decreased to a small gathering of about 100 or so patriotic citizens and former residents who enjoy a delicious pot-luck dinner, a short program and a tremendous amount of nostalgic reminiscing. The group is small but vital and attendance usually numbers persons from the far corners of the U.S. For some, this is a yearly excursion which 100 years from its inception is held on the 4th Sunday in July.

An honored Old Settler is chosen each year. Palmyra is proud of what may well be the oldest tradition of its kind in continued celebration in this state. On this, the 100th celebration of OLD SETTLERS' DAY the community has attempted to revive some of the flavor of the past.

CONGRATULATIONS MR. AND MRS. LAWRENCE TREWYN
HONORED OLD SETTLERS 1984