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IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

On January 11, of 1979 the Portage County Health Department will hold a free immunization clinic for all children ages 2 months to 18 years. The clinic will be held at the Tomorrow River Elementary School from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

SEARCH FOR '59 GRADS

The Amherst High School Class of 1959 is planning a reunion and needs help locating the following people: Richard Lloyd, Joyce Schroeder, Germaine Drifka Konkol, Bertha Herek. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these people, please contact Bob Printz, Route 1, Box 71-P, Amherst, Wisconsin 54406 or call 715-824-3754. Thank you for your help in locating these classmates.

PORTAGE COUNTY HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE

Trained senior volunteers will be available on a regular basis to assist any person in filling out the 1978 Homestead Tax credit forms. Sponsored jointly by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), CAP Services, Inc. and the Portage County Commission on Aging, the location and times are coordinated with the Title VII Noon Meals Program. The Amherst site is the American Legion Hall. The dates when counsellors will be available will be Wednesdays, February 7 and 21 and March 7 and 21, from 10:00 to 2:00.

The RSVP volunteers from the Amherst area are Walter Olsen and Claire Packer.

If there are any questions, call the Commission on Aging 715/346/3777.

VILLAGE OF AMHERST PLANNING COMMISSION

The village of Amherst planning commission will meet every Monday night starting in January. The meetings will continue to be held weekly until the completion of the new zoning ordinances. The commission is also in the planning stages for the Crossroads addition on the west side of the village adjacent to Printmark.

THE ST. OLAF'S STORY

By Alice Loberg

A little church that defies destruction continues to function at Amherst. For a time, there were only two worshipers, Welton Johnson, a descendant of the founder of the parish, and Mabel Allen. The Episcopal church has an allure for area residents and newcomers alike. The attractive Gothic style edifice, built of stone and cement blocks, has a square Norman entrance tower. There is little evidence of activity, yet the grounds are well cared for and in summer, there are flowers in boxes at the entrance.

The doors have remained open and through the years, children have entered and "played church"—offering sermons from the pulpit, "taking communion," playing the old pump organ and singing.

Its walled in steps supplied partial privacy and often became a

rendezvous for boys and girls coming from school.

Somehow, because of its nature, perhaps, and location, it has escaped vandalism.

The Episcopal mission station at Amherst was established in 1868 by the Rev. Martin Sorenson, rector of St. Marks parish in Waupaca. Mrs. Sorenson was Caroline Gassman, daughter of Captain and Mrs. J.G. Gassman. The captain had retired from many years of sea duty—having brought many Norwegians to America on his ship, the "Salvatore." He located on land south of Amherst. The Gassman family had originally settled in the southern part of the state—as there was no Lutheran church there, they joined the Episcopal church.

Among other early settlers obtaining membership in the new mission were Judge George W. Cate

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St. Olaf's Episcopal Church today.



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and Mrs. Cate, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Gassman, Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Gassman, Mrs. Jerome Bancroft and James Thompson. Services were held on the second floor of a hotel, then in the Methodist church. Regular services on Wednesday night, communion services, Thursday morning, Sunday school on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. In

1892, an old school house adjacent to the Methodist church became the Episcopal church.

A church body was organized in 1895. Senior Warden was Isaac Simcox, Junior Earden, A.M. Nelson, treasurer, Imri Turner, secretary, Christian Hauff. Later A.J. Smith was appointed to succeed Nelson who moved to Stevens Point. J.H. Fowler and Nelson were delegates to the

Council at Fond du Lac. The next year, the board made arrangements to build a chapel. Hymn books were purchased and an organ was rented from Mrs. Nels Rollefson. A church women's auxiliary was functioning at this time. An item in the January 24, 1899 Amherst Advocate reads—"The Ladies of St. Olaf's Guild will give an artist social at the residence of J.J. Nelson. All are cordially invited to come and draw a picture, laugh at one, or guess at what one represents."

The church never had a resident minister, except at one period when a Rev. Sheldon, a single man, boarded with "Dad" Fowler for about two years, about 1895 to 1897. The remuneration was no doubt meager and he conducted a news and magazine stand in the very small office building attached to the Iverson store on the southeast corner of Main street.

The mission was admitted into the Diocese and many others joined the congregation—Mrs. J.J. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. John Loberg, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Hall and the Brandt family.


The church bought four lots of land from the Jackson Milling Company for \$275.00 and the organ was purchased from Mrs. Rollefson for \$20.00.

The church was built in 1905 and the Amherst Advocate said—"The building was built of cement blocks and erected by contractors Thompson of Amherst and Manchester of Stevens Point. The building is a model in every respect—the cement blocks from which it is constructed tend to give it a massive appearance, as though it was built of stone. The steps and low square topped belfry add greatly to the effect. The inside of the chapel is neat and attractive, a vestry is built on the northwest corner of the structure, and this, with the main room and small hall, compose the rooms in the building. The side walls are set with square windows of leaded glass, while the front contains a large colored glass window of beautiful design. The structure was erected at a cost of \$2,500.00, of which all was raised but \$400.00. Although the church is not large, it contains ample room for the congregation which in this village is small, as yet. The erection of the church has been the result of much hard and prolonged work on the part

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Methodist Church in background.

of the members, and to tell whether or not they have succeeded, one need to look at the beautiful structure which they have erected for their house of worship."

On February 8, the St. Olaf's Sunday School was reopened in the new chapel building. Officers were Mrs. E.T. Johnson, superintendent, secretary, Bernice Mallison, Treasurer, Jennie Brandt, organists, Marion Gassman and Ethel Burts, general assistant, Cecil Anthony.

In 1914, the congregation paid the indebtedness of \$400.00 and purchased 12 pews, matting for the aisles, carpet for the sanctuary.

Pastors through the years have been William Davenport, William Armstrong, R.H. Weller, George

Shelton, Hugh Latimer Burlison, A.G. Harrison, George Zenner, George Herst, Frederick Dies, A.G. Meyer, E. Craft Gear, Arthur Wilson, Charles Fairman, Jay Seacord, Werger Slade, Alfred du Domaine, Leinn Ferguson, Adward Hutchinson, Henry Louis Ewan, Edson Sheppard, Alfred Dubois, Rasmeisler, John Rowell, B.L. Marceil, Edward Caldwell Louis, Ezra Samson, Wayne Duggleby, James Johnson, Ira England, Eugene Steck, Edmund Webster.

The size of the congregation has increased and decreased through the years. Currently, there are between 15 and 20 worshipers at the weekly service, held now on Saturday evenings at 5 o'clock.

CARCASS BEEF NOT ALL EDIBLE MEATS

If you are looking for special deals to fill the freezer you may find that the dollar isn't the only thing that shrinks.

This is especially true when you buy carcass beef and aren't really aware of all that is involved. For example, a beef carcass, side or quarter is normally sold by its hanging weight. That's the weight before cutting and trimming. Therefore, the amount of usable meat will be considerably less. How much less can vary a good deal.

For a beef carcass, cutting loss (bone, fat trim and normal shrinkage) could vary from 20 to 30 per cent or more, according to USDA. A 25 per cent loss is not unusual. This means that a 300-pound side of beef would yield 225 pounds of usable meat cuts.

The price of bulk beef sometimes increases as much as 10 cents a pound to cover cutting, wrapping and freezing. If credit is used, this increases the cost of the meat, too.

A good rule of thumb when purchasing a beef carcass is to expect 25 per cent waste, 25 per cent ground beef and stew meat, 25 per cent steaks and 25 per cent roasts. Not all of the roasts and steaks, however, are from the loin and rib, which are the most tender parts.

SPORTS EVENTS

POOL STANDINGS LORI'S DING-A-LINGS

Daisy	12	Jeanette	9
Pearl	11	Liz	8
Mary Ann	10	Luci	7
Lori	10	Dolly	5

TOMORROW RIVER LANES LEAGUE STANDINGS

NITE OWLS	
High Game	
Lois Hedbany,	201.
High Series	
Lois Hedbany,	463; Dorothy Kachur,
422; Mary Ann Repinski,	413.
High Team Game Scratch	
K C Kountry Curl,	707.
High Team Series Scratch	
K C Kountry Curl,	1983.
Sherry Konkol converted the 5-7 split.	

TOMORROW RIVER MOTEL MIXED COUPLES December 30, 1978

High Game
WOMEN: Kristy Madsen, 191; Kathy Bleskey, 179; Marge Steinke, 176; Mary Ann Repinski, 171, 146; Carla Leppen, 154; Ruth Wanta.

MEN: Casey Groshek, 220, 191, 172; Dave Madsen, 213; Bob Patoka, 184; Ed Carr, 182; John Glodowski, 180; Gary Dombrowski, 178, 168; Dave Bleskey, 173, 167; Dale Onan, 173; Pete Sippel, 171; Bill Worden, 165.

High Series
WOMEN: Mary Ann Repinski, 455; Kristy Madsen, 452; Kathy Bleskey, 441; Marge Steinke, 441; Carla Leppen, 428.
MEN: Casey Groshek, 583; Dave Madsen, 505; John Glodowski, 495; Ed Carr, 487; Gary Dombrowski, 484; Bob Patoka, 471; Dave Bleskey, 467.

High Team Game
Inlaws, 654.
High Team Series
Inlaws, 1818.

The best way to forget your own problem is to help someone solve his.



Nelsonville scene about 1908. Photo on loan from John Christenson.